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'IT COULD HAVE BEEN MURDER'

Seven years' jail for Barry stabbing

A MAN who took revenge on a love rival by stabbing him as he sat in his parked car in Barry, "trapped" by his seat belt, has been jailed for a total of seven years at Cardiff Crown Court.

"It could have been a case of murder," said Judge Nicolas Parry.

The victim, Jonathan Williams, was attacked in his vehicle outside his children's nursery in

Sully Moors Road, suffered three wounds to his right leg and right shoulder, and underwent surgery at Morriston Hospital, said prosecutor Marion Lewis.

Travis Luke Tyrone Furnish (22) of no fixed address, admitted charges of causing grievous bodily harm with intent, and affray.

Demi Jade Smart (23), a trainee electrician of Ely, Cardiff, who by assisting an offender, Furnish, by driving him to and from the scene, was jailed for four

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

months. Courtney Harris (24) of St Mellons, who, with Furnish, admitted a charge of affray, was sentenced to an 18-month community order involving four months' electronically-tagged curfew between 6.30pm and 6am.

Miss Lewis said the affray involved Harris and Furnish going to a flat in Cardiff.

After the door was kicked in, they entered the premises. Furnish had a truncheon and Harris had a kitchen knife. After searching the property, they left.

She said that on January 25, Jonathan Williams drove to Sully Moors Road to pick up his partner and parked his VW Golf in a layby.

A vehicle driven by Smart pulled up and Furnish got out and stabbed Mr Williams three times as he sat, trapped by his seatbelt.

He tried to fight off Furnish, who repeatedly shouted: "You are dead".

Furnish returned to his vehicle and said: "We've got to go, I stabbed him."

Miss Lewis said Mr Williams had complicated injuries and required surgery for nerve damage.

Furnish, the court heard, had convictions for burglary, causing damage and threatening behaviour.

Harris had convictions for causing damage and assaulting the police.

Byron Broadstock, for Harris, pointed out he had been in custody for five months.

David Purnell, for Smart, said she became involved out of loyalty and didn't realise "how serious things would get."

He said she later assisted the police.

Jeffrey Jones, for Furnish, said: "I can see this was a serious matter. The victim of the attack was his friend and they fell out over a woman."

"He is emotionally immature and at the time was under the influence of alcohol and cocaine."

The judge told Furnish: "That incident could have been murder. You have made repeated attempts at revenge on Mr Williams, and you have said that you would not stop until he was dead. He has been left with a dropped foot."

Following the court case, investigating officer, Detective Constable Gillon Neal of Barry CID said: "This was a very serious incident which left the victim with serious and life-changing injuries."

"This case demonstrates how seriously South Wales Police takes crimes of this nature."

DC Neal continued: "Knife crime within our communities will not be tolerated and the custodial sentence given to Furnish and Smart is testament to this."



Despite the problems he has faced, Noah is a brave little boy who loves riding his bike.

EPIC RIDE FOR BARRY'S LITTLE BRAVEHEART

THE father of a five-year-old Barry boy who had part of his leg amputated at just eight months old, is taking part in an epic cycling challenge - to raise funds for his continued care.

Noah Stephenson endured a traumatic start to his life, but thanks to the love of his family -

by **TIM CHAPMAN**
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father Gareth, mother Nicola, brother Zak, and lots of specialist care and support - he has battled through.

Gareth said: "In March 2013, when he was only eight months old, Noah contracted meningitis and almost lost his life."

"As a result, he had his lower left leg amputated and lost the tips on the majority of his remaining fingers and toes."

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'Will Cosy Corner farcical fiasco lead to a fatality?'

IWOULD like to draw attention to the ongoing farcical situation, after having been installed for months now, of traffic lights at the junction of Cosy Corner and Plymouth Road – along with the maze of cones at the adjacent junction – that are still not operational.

Will it take an injury or death to occur before those responsible resolve this fiasco?

A personal case involves myself and a car driven at speed. With no attempt to slow down, a driver blindly exited from the new docks development link road, straight across the junction, as I attempted to turn right, after having correctly stopped at the solid white line to check all was clear.

I was already into my manoeuvre when he appeared, causing me to

brake hard and stop. I confess I did show my displeasure at his reckless driving by sounding my horn.

As expected, instead of a wave of apology in recognition of his error, I received a dirty look and the middle finger. I have checked, and it does not appear to be in the Highway Code as any legitimate hand signal...

On an educational note, please can all those drivers still unsure how to negotiate a junction take note of the official Highway Code:

Rule 176: You MUST stop behind the white 'Stop' line across your side of the road unless the light is green.

Rule 176: If the traffic lights are not working, treat the situation as you would at an unmarked junction and proceed with great care.

(Name and address supplied).

'Bill the birds!'

ISEE that there is a lot of concern at all the seagulls 'taking up residence' in Barry.

Thinking outside the bird-box – why not bill them for council tax – other Barry residents have to pay, so why not them?

I have two regular adult seagulls who have taken up residence on the roof – and let's not discount the friends and family who regularly visit them for the dawn chorus.

Do I need to disclose my change of circumstances – that there are now three adult occupiers in residence –

and run the risk of losing my 25 per cent single person discount, or are seagulls exempt from paying council tax?

On the assumption that I am joking... on a more serious note, there does need to be a drastic reduction in the seagull population.

The council should not need reminding to exercise its discretion and address this pest issue with some urgency, before I send them a final demand to do so.

I am thinking of charging the regular seagulls rent, as it would help towards my ever-increasing council tax bill.

(Name and address supplied).

Readers' Letters

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CYCLISTS' EMISSIONS BROUGHT UP AGAIN

WITH reference to Karl-James Langford's letter in The GEM recently, I also drive cars and walk, as well as using public transport and cycling.

However, I would not more identify myself with all 'motorists' or 'pedestrians' than I would with all 'cyclists'.

The yobs who were so abusive to him and his children are no more representative of me as a cyclist than the drivers who speed through Dinas Powys with no respect for the speed limit and who overtake me (driving at 30) and give me 'the finger' are representative of me or him as motorists.

Sadly, there are simply law-abiding humans and those who don't think the rules of the road apply to them (whatever their mode of transport).

However, it is still socially acceptable to abuse anyone on a bike even if they are law abiding and doing no harm.

The vast majority of drivers are respectful of all other road users, but there are a minority who do not believe they should be slowed down for a moment.

While cycling along the Cardiff Road between the Murch Road and the bus lane towards the Merrie Harrier last week, I was shouted at on

100 years on, remembering the Battle of Passchendaele

OFFICIALLY known as the Third Battle of Ypres, the Battle of Passchendaele lasted from July 31 until November 10, 2017.

By the end of the battle, for the sake of advancing little more than a few kilometres, the British had suffered an estimated 260,000 casualties.

Shortly after the start of the battle, the area was saturated in the heaviest rain that the region had seen for some 30 years.

This, exacerbated by the destruction of the land drainage system resulting from ten days of artillery bombardment which preceded the infantry advance, turned the area into a 'sea of

mud'. It is this mud which for many has come to symbolise the desperate conditions and sheer futility of the war in Flanders.

To mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the Battle of Passchendaele and to remember those who suffered and those who lost their lives, the Cowbridge and District branch of the Royal British Legion will conduct a short service and wreath laying at the Cowbridge War Memorial at 11am on Monday, July 31.

Anyone who wishes to join in this short service of commemoration will be most welcome.

Peter Davies, Cowbridge and District branch, The Royal British Legion.

several occasions to 'move over' or even 'get on the pavement'.

However, if you read the highway code as your correspondent suggests, you will discover that cyclists do not belong either in the gutter or on the pavement.

In reality, with ever-growing populations and car mileage, we need as many people as possible to use different modes of transport from the private car. By mixing and matching our journeys on public transport, foot and bicycle where possible we can improve air quality, make communities more liveable, reduce obesity and congestion.

As a start, perhaps we could all try remembering the rules of the road and being considerate to other road users whatever form of transport they are using.

As for that old chestnut of road tax, that was abolished in 1937 and now car tax (or Vehicle Excise Duty) is based on CO₂ emissions, so bicycles would be exempt as zero-emission vehicles.

Hilary May, Dinas Powys.

Rhoose Point and blame

REGARDING an item headed 'Action required at Rhoose Point' in last week's GEM, anyone reading the Conservative AM Andrew RT Davies' account of a visit to Rhoose Point might be forgiven for thinking they were reading the script from *Mad Max III*.

Swarms of unruly youths tearing around on motorbikes? Children swimming in contaminated lakes? Hundreds of residents living in houses built in 'an asbestos quarry'?

These comments are both a massive exaggeration and incredibly inflammatory. To set the record straight, the only thing that has ever been quarried at Rhoose Point is limestone.

What is more, asbestos is not a mineral that is extracted from limestone quarries. It is manufactured most

commonly from milled chrysotile. There did use to be a factory near the railway line in Rhoose, but the old quarries in Rhoose Point (where hundreds of people now live) have never supported any related activity.

If Mr Davies knows different, he should put forward the evidence, and the council should be considering paying compensation to all the householders affected by such evidence – as it was the last Conservative-led council that declared the area fit for development.

I have close friends who are trying to sell their family home on Rhoose Point, and have observed a distinct drop-off in viewings since his damning, post-apocalyptic description of the area.

It was irresponsible of him to say the least and he needs to apologise for his comments. **Graham Loveluck-Edwards, Rhoose.**

'ROADS SHOULD BE RESURFACED, NOT PATCHED'

AFTER having read The GEM (July 6), I was very interested to see that the Vale Council is to spend £1 million on resurfacing the roads in Barry.

As a motorist for over 40 years, I travel up and down Barry Road at least once or twice a day, and have noticed the number of repairs – actually patches – some as small as 12 inches and some the width of the road.

Most of them are over 15 years old and are

causing problems with driving conditions. Some of the patches are lower than the road and I have not counted them, but there must be hundreds of them from the old Royal Hotel to the entrance to the Cemetery Road.

Is it now time for the Vale Council to decide to do a proper job and instead of wasting thousands of pounds patching like the last council, resurface this road – or are they going to continue to waste our money patching?

M Edwards, Barry.

Incinerator can supply Cardiff with energy

THE 'gasification' plant at Barry Dock will, when operational, be able to generate electricity by the thermal decomposition of various fuels.

Its location at Barry Dock is essential because, if necessary, it may receive waterborne and airborne fuel supplies: even though it will feed into the overhead electricity supply grid point at Sully Moors Road, it will also feed directly into the Cardiff city centre grid via a deep level underground cable link that runs to Cardiff via Penarth.

This link has existed since 1957. The purpose of the Barry Dock plant is to be the uninterrupted power supply for Cardiff city centre and it complements the existing multi-fuel burning plant adjacent to Roath Dock.

If necessary, and depending upon the circumstances, both plants will be able to rely upon the Grangemoor landfill site as a fuel supply source.

Cardiff City Centre is growing upwards and needs a guaranteed electricity supply.

The Barry Dock plant forms part of that guarantee.

Anthony Bright, Penarth.

See more readers' letters on page 21.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 27)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
20 Thur	03.53	8.7	16.28	8.9
21 Fri	04.59	9.0	17.33	9.2
22 Sat	06.03	9.4	18.31	9.7
23 Sun	06.59	9.8	19.25	10.1
24 Mon	07.53	10.2	20.14	10.3
25 Tues	08.41	10.3	20.59	10.2
26 Wed	09.25	10.1	21.42	10.1
27 Thur	10.08	9.9	22.25	9.7

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Barry dad's 'dangle' for Noah's Ark charity



Rob Spomg with daughter Lacey-Mae.

A BARRY dad with a fear of heights will be taking part in the Noah's Ark Charity Dangle this October, inspired by his five-year-old daughter, Lacey-Mae.

Lacey is currently undergoing chemotherapy for a brain tumour at the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales and her father Rob, says it is his way of saying thanks.

Rob says: "From day one, they were by our side. They helped Lacey feel safe and secure by trying to make her stay almost like being at home".

Lacey-Mae was taken into surgery due to fluid around her brain – a condition known as Hydrocephalus. She had to have a shunt fitted to drain the fluid and also to remove as much of the tumour as possible.

However, the surgery caused Lacey to have a stroke and also lose her eye sight.

Rob said: "The hospital staff helped through the many hard, painful physio sessions with distraction and reward techniques."

The charity helped the hospital care for Lacey and her family.

The Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales provides world class care, and helps the families any way they can through a difficult time.

The Children's Hospital helps thousands of lives, and to keep the hospital funded, so they can have the best equipment and facilities, the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity is raising money.

The charity has recently launched their 'Tiny Lives Appeal' with the

aim of raising £1 million for the neonatal unit at the University Hospital of Wales.

The Morrison Foundation recently announced that they were donating £208,000 which will mean they will be able to buy a mobile X-Ray machine and four specialist incubators.

The mobile X-Ray will allow doctors to diagnose and respond quickly to a vulnerable baby's condition, and the incubators reduce the risk of infection. The charity has done so much for the hospital, and has saved many lives.

Now, Lacey-Mae's dad, Robert Spomg wants to help the charity that has done so much for him, by taking part in the Noah's Ark 'Charity Dangle'.

He will be descending from the historic Newport Transport Bridge, which has a 178-foot drop.

He will have to climb 278 stairs to the top before preparing himself for the drop.

Rob has set up a page on JustGiving to try and get people to raise money for the charity. He said: "Please help me raise as much as I can for them. They have asked that the minimum amount raised is £200! I want to smash that – I want to get them as much as I can, but I need help!"

Currently, Rob has managed to raise over £300 for the Noah's Ark Hospital charity, but there is still time for more people to donate and for that amount to increase.

• To sponsor Rob, go to: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/robert-spomg

Police issue appeal after assault in Broad Street

SOUTH WALES POLICE have issued an appeal for witnesses, following a serious assault outside a Barry night club in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Police responded to reports of the assault outside Bar Cocoa on Broad Street, Barry, shortly before 1am on Sunday, July 16.

A spokeswoman said: "Firearms officers attended the scene alongside uniformed officers as a precautionary measure. Two men were taken to the University Hospital of Wales with non-

life-threatening injuries.

"Two men, aged 21 and 29, were arrested in connection with the incident.

"The 21-year-old has since been released under investigation, while the 29-year-old was released on bail."

Enquiries are continuing and anyone who witnessed the assault, but has not yet provided officers with an account, is urged to contact 101, quoting reference 1700276022.

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CRAFTY HOOKERS HELP OUT SURFING NIPPERS



THE Whitmore Bay Surf Life Saving Club Nippers Group was the latest recipient of a donation from funds raised by calendar sales by Barry Hookers' crochet and craft group.

The presentation of a cheque was made recently before the group held their weekly training session at Whitmore Bay.

The donation will be used to help out with the cost of new kit for the members, who meet each Friday at 6pm near the Western Shelter.

Barry Hookers Craft Group meet each Wednesday 10am to 12 noon at Coffee Cove, Barry Island.

Please feel free to come along!

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Vinyl records broken at Oxfam Penarth

THE Oxfam Shop in Penarth has, for the first time in over seven years, run out of vinyl records to put on sale in its shop.

The lack of stock is due to the customer response to the revamped vinyl section in the shop, where sales have doubled since last year.

Nigel Billingham, music volunteer, said: "In a way, we have become victims of our own success with so many more customers coming into the shop wanting to buy our vinyl."

"Vinyl has become more and more popular over the last few years and this has resulted in records of all genres selling very

well. All our records are at a fair price and we put them on sale in the shop as soon as we can. We always like to give our local customers the first chance to buy our records.

"Many are selling on the day we put them on the shelves."

Anyone who has vinyl records that they would like to donate can drop their donations off at the Oxfam shop in Windsor Street, Penarth.

They also welcome donations of CDs, music books, sheet music and musical instruments.

Large collections can be picked up by arrangement by telephoning 02920 706358.

'Epic ride' for Noah

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Noah, however, proved a little fighter.

Gareth explained: "He has gone from strength-to-strength. He has needed numerous prosthetic legs as he's grown; however, at the beginning of this year, he had to have corrective surgery on his stump as it was growing too fast and his leg bones were trying to break through, which caused him great pain and stopped him using his prosthetic."

"He spent several months in a wheelchair, but has recently recovered enough from the surgery to have another prosthetic made so he can walk again."

"At the moment, he is struggling to build up his energy and muscles to allow him to wear it for a full day."

In all other respects, Noah is a normal little boy. He loves riding his bike, enjoys Star Wars, likes dinosaurs, and plays with his Nerf gun.

He attends Cadroxton Primary School.

Gareth said: "Rather proudly, he recently competed in his school sports day. Despite finishing his two races some minutes behind all

the other competitors, he was cheered on by all the children and parents to the finish line."

Gareth and four friends, Daniel Wood from Llanharan, Darren Saltmarsh from Cardiff, Kirsty James from Bridgend and Alex Coleman, who lives in Church Village, plan to cycle from London to Monte Carlo in just 12 days during September.

Gareth's father Bob, his uncle, Paul Ballantyne, and friend, Mike Treweek, are the support crew who will accompany the cyclists in a minibus, and help setting up tents for overnight stays.

Gareth said: "We have named this epic cycling challenge LOMOCA and people can do searches for it on social media."

In total, the trip is about 950 miles and the cyclists will be riding up to 88 miles a day.

Gareth added: "There is the small issue of taking on the French Alps before we reach our destination."

"In fact, we will be taking on some of the Tour De France's most famous climbs, including the Alpe D'Huez with its 22-hairpin bends."

"I want to thank Days Hire for their help and use of the minibus, and Eat Natural, who are also supporting us."

Visit the fundraising page at www.gofundme.com/LOMOCA.

More information is on Facebook at LOMOCA, or Instagram at Lomoca2017.

Vale author's 'secret' book launch

THE new e-book from award-winning Barry author Evonne Wareham, *Summer in San Remo*, had a 'secret' launch this week.

The book hit e-book retailers on Tuesday, July 18, with none of the usual advance publicity or pre-orders. Even the cover wasn't shown until this week.

Evonne told The GEM: "The secret launch is a new idea from my publishers, Choc-Lit, which has been very successful for other authors."

"I'm especially excited about *Summer in San Remo*, as it has been a while since I have had a new book on sale. It's very good to be back."

Evonne's latest book is a romantic comedy set on the Italian Riviera and can be bought online.

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'Six-week flood project' could over-run by a year

A WOMAN in Barry says flood defence work is still going on around her property a year after it began, despite being told everything would be wrapped up in a few weeks.

Linda Rees lives on Meadowvale and her property backs on to Coldbrook Road East.

She told The GEM: "Work began at the rear of our property on July 25, 2016, and it is still going on a year later. We were originally told it would take six weeks."

The work is part of the Coldbrook Flood Defence scheme and has involved local roads and pavements being temporarily blocked off, and the main road through to Cadroxton being reduced to one lane.

Mrs Rees said that the work had also involved contractors having to come onto her land.

"We are still without a garden and can't use our washing line. Despite numerous meetings with contractors Dyer Butler



and the Vale Council's Clive Moon, we still don't have an end date.

"We are fed up with the mess, dirt and noise. It has gone on way too long."

Mrs Rees thought that if things over-ran, the contractors might have finished in a maximum of eight weeks.

Contractors did agree to provide a concrete patch for her dogs, but she still has outstanding questions.

She said: "Who is going to make good on our garden? Will we get compensation for the disruption and inconvenience we have

faced? All we keep seeing is concrete pole after concrete pole, and we keep being told things will be finished in six weeks. What is the real end date of the project?"

The GEM asked the Vale Council whether it would like to respond to the issues raised by Mrs Rees, including whether her garden would be "made good": whether she was eligible for compensation; and whether there is an end date for work.

A council spokesman apologised for the inconvenience and said it regretted the scheme had over-run.

"The Coldbrook Catchment Flood Risk Management Scheme is a multi-million-pound construction project aimed at protecting 200 residential properties and three schools from flooding.

"We apologise for the inconvenience this work has caused certain residents, but it is very much necessary to try and protect against the type of extensive flooding that hit Barry and other areas of the Vale in 2007.

"It is also regrettable that the work has over-run, but there is always a risk of uncovering unforeseen



An image of one of the diggers in Mrs Rees's garden earlier in the project.

problems that lead to delays when dealing with a project of this scale.

"Previous issues have now been largely overcome and we are confident the project will be completed by the end of the year."

He added: "We appreciate this has caused major disruption to residents. Mrs Rees included, and the

council has been in communication with Mrs Rees throughout the works to her property.

"As this matter is subject to legal considerations in relation to potential future compensation that may be payable, it would be inappropriate to comment further on the specifics of her case."

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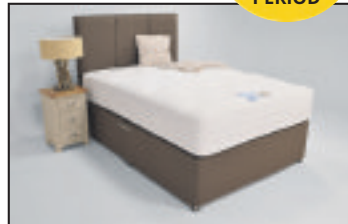
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Balloon goes up over plans for a 41ft high phone mast

VODAFONE is proposing to erect a 41-foot high telephone mast and ancillary cabinets in front of the entrance to the Lake Gardens, a green flag park, and within the Barry Marine conservation area.

Two previous proposals have been withdrawn. First, on land above the Bull Cliff, due to significant local opposition and the council withdrawing its consent, and then on land in front of the Bridge Café because underground services were found at the location.

In my view, the proposal is unacceptable.

The area is a busy and significant tourist location and the visual appearance would have a damaging impact on the popular cafes, restaurants and shops.

The Knap Gardens are widely used by visitors from across the Vale and

Cardiff and an unsightly telephone mast with the associated cabinets would be detrimental to the character and appearance of this highly valued amenity space.

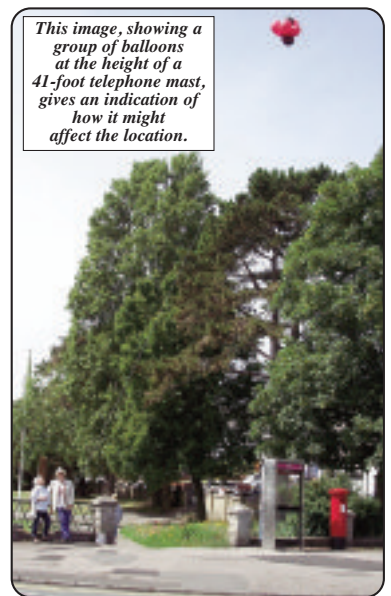
There is plenty of suitable railway land between Barry train station and the Porthkerry tunnel, but the company has rejected one location along the line because it said trees would need to be cleared and a mast 17.5 metres high would be required.

The Vale Council website indicates that the planning decision is to be made by officials rather than the committee, so it's important to express strong concern to the council.

We need to protect our environment, townscapes and beauty spots from insensitive and obtrusive development.

Dennis Harkus, FocusBARRY supporter.

This image, showing a group of balloons at the height of a 41-foot telephone mast, gives an indication of how it might affect the location.



High Street Traders' raffle winner



Anthony Hopkins with Mrs Webber, this month's raffle winner.

HIGH STREET TRADERS are raising money to help fund their Christmas lights event in Barry, and are holding a monthly raffle with £50 of shopping vouchers as a first prize.

This month's winner, Mrs Webber of St Athan, was presented with her prize by Anthony Hopkins of Vic Hopkins & Son Family Butchers, who sold the winning ticket.

Many shops are selling the tickets, so if you want a chance to be a winner, visit High Street today! **AH**

Police investigate King Square assault

SOUTH Wales Police officers are investigating an assault which occurred at King Square, Barry, on Wednesday, July 12.

Officers were called to the scene at approximately 11.55pm, and a 19-year-old man was taken to the University Hospital of Wales.

The area was cordoned off the following morning while enquiries continued.

On July 14, a police spokeswoman reported: "An 18-year-old man from Barry has been arrested and released on bail in connection with an assault which occurred on King Square, Barry, on July 12."

Anyone with any information that could assist with the investigation is asked to contact 101, quoting reference 1700271464.

Barry Rotary ducks await their fête

FINAL preparations are well in hand to start the school holidays at the Knap Park and Lake between 11am and 4pm this Saturday (July 22) with a fun-filled family day at the annual Rotary Club of Barry duck race and summer fête.

Ducks will race down the feeder towards the Knap Lake alongside a great range of free entertainment in the Knap Park.

A regular feature of the Rotary Club fundraising events calendar this will be the first time the duck race has been held at the Knap and promises to be the biggest and best yet.

There will be several duck races, winning ducks from each race will be entered in to the final race of the day. Winners of each heat will receive a cash prize of £10 and the overall winners will pick up £50.

To add to the

entertainment, there will be traditional activities such as a coconut shy, craft and cake stalls, plus a host of stalls provided by other local organisations.

Ducks for each race will cost £1 and can be purchased from Rotarians on the day at the Knap.

Newly-elected Barry Rotary president Jill Osborne said that this year the club had decided to change the format of this popular event by bringing it into the Knap Park and create a summer fête with more things for people to see and do and to provide a showcase for lots of local groups and charity fundraisers.

All enquiries regarding the event should be made to David Jakeway by email on davidjakeway@outlook.com. or phone 01446 400246 or 07919470499.

Proceeds from the duck race will be used by Barry Rotary Club to support local good causes. **AS**

Party in the Park

FINAL plans for Barry's Party in the Park are almost complete and few tickets remain, with just weeks left before the event on August 6 at Porthkerry Country Park.

Remaining tickets (£2) can be obtained at the swimming club sessions on Saturday next, or the week after, from 3.30pm - 4.45pm.

Plans include entertainment, games, barbecue, competitions and special guests (tbc).

Penarth housing association scheme takes platinum award



Newydd tenants and staff accept the Platinum Award from RNIIB Cymru

TENANTS at Gwyn James Court, a housing scheme for people aged 55 years and above, should now live independently for longer, thanks to major design changes to support sight loss.

Having carried out changes inside and outside the development in Penarth, Newydd Housing Association (NHA) received the RNIIB Cymru's 'Visibly Better Platinum Award' for the work carried out

to help people with sight loss remain in their homes for longer.

Major external changes such as a wide level access path around the building, installing tactile paving leading to the car park and highlighting kerbs adjacent to the road, have ensured that tenants with sight loss can navigate their way and enjoy spending time in the gardens without worrying about access and safety.

Internally, the communal areas at Gwyn James Court now have lighting controlled

by movement sensors and window tinting has prevented glare from affecting poor vision.

Repositioned signage allows tenants to read at eye level or to easily reach Braille and coloured handrails, as well as painting different areas within the building means that tenants can identify where they are.

Trained NHA tenants have critically assessed the work, carried out by contractors LCB Construction, with support from Cathryn Hughes from RNIIB Cymru. Throughout the process they ensured the

work was up to standard and suitable for fellow tenants.

Heather Douglas, an NHA tenant and RNIIB Cymru scheme assessor, said: "I have lived at Gwyn James Court since 2006 and as RNIIB tenant assessor have seen positive improvements made to meet RNIIB Visibly Better standards."

"The contrasting colour scheme and Braille on walls and doors is very helpful to tenants with visual impairment."

"The new footpath around the scheme provides tenants with access to washing lines and the garden, and the outside lighting gives added security. These improvements have made Gwyn James Court a safe and pleasant scheme for all of us."

The RNIIB Cymru Platinum Award was presented to Jason Wroe, housing director at Newydd by Ansley Workman, network manager at RNIIB Cymru on July 13 at Gwyn James Court.

Kitten found in a carrier bag

RSPCA Cymru is appealing for information, after a black and white kitten was found alive in a plain blue carrier bag in Barry.

The kitten was found in the children's playground on Vere Street by a member of the public on Sunday, July 16 night at around 11.30pm.

RSPCA inspector Gemma Black said: "Sadly, it is possible that this beautiful kitten may have been abandoned, but if the kitten did escape and someone knows who the owner is, we really would like to reunite them."

Anyone who may have information about the kitten, or knows who the owner is, should contact the RSPCA inspector appeal line on 0300 123 8018.

Calls are treated in confidence.

The RSPCA recommends that pets are microchipped.



The kitten was found in the playground on Vere Street, Barry.

Fryer Tuck reopens



COUN Nic Hodges declares the Fryer Tuck open once more.

FOLLOWING weeks of hard work, the Fryer Tuck Fish and Chip shop in Richard Street, Barry, which suffered major damage in a recent fire, has reopened.

The Mayor of Barry, COUN Nic Hodges, was invited to cut the ribbon, and declared the business officially

open once more.

He said: "The owners, Dave and Lauren Farnham, have worked very hard to get their business up and running. They deserve the support of the community."

"The shop just off Holton Road has been finished to a high standard and is a credit to the town. I wish Dave and Lauren all the best."

Sully U3A get bird's eye view of Bardsey!

AT our July meeting, members of Sully U3A enjoyed a talk about Bardsey Island, which is visited by a 20-minute crossing from Port Meudwy, near Aberdaron, which offers spectacular views and the chance to spot a variety of sea birds and perhaps dolphins.

The Bardsey Island Trust bought the island in 1979 and is responsible for its management, welcoming staying visitors throughout the summer months. This magical small island lying off the north-west tip of Wales has a wealth of wildlife interest, making it very important for conservation.

It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a National Nature Reserve, and lies within a marine special area of conservation. It is home to the Bardsey Bird and Field Observation.

Once a noted place of pilgrimage and pirate's hideaway, Bardsey is a working island with a handful of year-round residents. The island has been home to monks, as well as farmers and fishermen.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 10, in the Old School, Sully at 1.30pm.

It will be an open day of exhibitions by 30 groups, offering something for everyone - giving the opportunity for non-members to find out what U3A is about, and to see the variety of activities available.

MIKE BIRNAGE

Litter-pick pupils 'credit to school'

BARRY Comprehensive School pupils finished the academic year with a tidy-up of their local area completing a two-hour litter-pick every morning.

As well as removing the rubbish, the pupils also worked to raise awareness of littering - an issue which is widely recognised in Barry.

Joining the pupils in the cleansing of the area, were the Vale of Glamorgan Council Waste Removal workers, as well as local residents.

Dyfan councillor, Leighton Rowlands, who joined the pupils for the litter-pick, said, "It was fantastic to see the pupils join with some of the most active residents in our community to tidy up our beloved Barry."

"Speaking to pupils during the litter-pick, I was deeply impressed by the care and concern they showed for their hometown and their determination to further improve its condition."

Resident Ada Flynn added, "It was heart-warming to see young people with such pride in their local area. They were a credit to their school."

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Councillors' anger at bus shuttle subsidy

A **WELSH** Government pilot scheme providing travel on certain bus routes across Wales, which includes the T9 service to the capital from Cardiff Airport at Rhoose, has incurred the anger of Barry councillors.

The scheme – TrawsCymru – provides free, subsidised weekend travel on selected routes across Wales and the idea is to boost bus use and encourage tourism.

However, Two Barry

councillors are unhappy the T9 shuttle service from Cardiff Airport to the capital, which costs around half a million pounds a year, is part of the scheme.

Councillors Vincent Bailey and Leighton Rowlands have been campaigning for the service to be scrapped, say the rising cost is “scandalous”, and that it will spark anger among Vale residents who are concerned about reduced services such as the 98 bus from Highlight Park.

Coun Vincent Bailey said: “The amount of money spent on the T9 is already scandalous, but the bill will get even

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Telbigger now because they won't recoup a penny from tourists and travellers using it on weekends.

“Coun Rowlands and I have long called for the T9 to be scrapped, with the money spent on local bus services throughout Wales.”

“Barry residents deserve a better transport service and having

fought to stop cuts to local routes, I can understand local anger at seeing this empty bus rolling along Port Road every 20 minutes or so.”

He added: “We all want to see a thriving airport, but the ghost bus is a poke in the eye for local residents who don't have the luxury of a regular bus service.”

The Welsh Government says the TrawsCymru weekend pilot is to encourage more people to consider buses as a means of transport.

A Welsh Government spokesperson explained that the Government believed that with a growing airport, it was ‘imperative’ to provide

regular transport links.

He said: “Since the Welsh Government took ownership of Cardiff Airport in 2013, it has become one of the UK's fastest growing airports.

“Passenger numbers continue to grow month on month, with over 185,000 people flying to and from Cardiff last month alone. It's imperative that our growing, national airport has regular public transport to and from it.

“We have protected our Bus Services Support Grant to all councils in Wales in recent budgets, with the Vale Council separately and additionally reimbursed for the operation of the T9 service.

“It has never been a case of choosing local services over the airport shuttle, Vale communities should expect both.”

The scheme started on July 8 and will run every weekend until May 2018 – and could be extended.

Rural communities to flourish in the Vale



Participants at the St Athan volunteer day.

FUNDING of up to £1,000 is available for Vale-based initiatives that help build community spirit in the local area.

In a bid to help rural communities across the Vale, the Vale Council's Creative Rural Communities team is set to launch a pilot project enabling such communities to get together and share their thoughts on building community spirit.

Coun Jonathan Bird, cabinet member for regeneration and planning, said: “The scheme will offer funding to trial initiatives that regularly bring communities together and we are hoping it will appeal to town and community councils, residents' associations and voluntary groups.”

“There are already great examples of schemes like these in the Vale, such as Llancafnan's Community

Cinema, which is run by volunteers, the Treoes' community allotments project, and Peterson Super Ely's monthly village market and annual pantomime.

“All of these are great examples of how local groups can bring communities together, whether it's over a film or through sharing culinary tips. What we hope to do is help other towns and villages in the Vale build on their experiences.”

Full support will be provided by the Creative Rural Communities team, along with practical guidance on how groups can ensure their ideas can be sustainable in the long term.

If you have an idea that you believe could bring a rural community together, get in touch with the CRC team to discuss your thoughts by calling 01446 704226 or by emailing create@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

GVS provides help for groups, clubs and charities

DO you have an idea for starting a community group, club or charity? If so, Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) can get things up and running, providing advice on legal structures, support with governing documents, guidance for trustees, and much more.

GVS recently worked with David Trotman, CEO of Woody's Lodge. He said: “15 months in the planning, Woody's Lodge, a fledgling charity working to support armed forces

veterans and officers from the emergency services, would not have developed this far without the support, advice and encouragement from GVS.

“Membership of GVS has enabled Woody's Lodge's standing and support within political and corporate circles to grow, which in turn has given us access to significant grant income going forward.”

For advice and support in developing a voluntary group or charity, contact GVS on 01446 741706 e-mail: enquiries@gvs.wales or visit www.gvs.wales.

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Growing Community Spirit!

The Creative Rural Communities Team are launching a pilot project to help communities in the rural Vale to share their experiences and learn from each other to enable communities to strengthen and rebuild community spirit.

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Loving tribute to 'our beautiful mum' following M42 collision

A DINAS POWYS family have paid tribute to their 'beautiful mum', following a fatal road traffic collision on the M42 at 9pm on Sunday, July 9.

Ann Goddard, who lived in the Vale and was driving a Volkswagen Golf, was involved in the collision which took place near Redditch. The incident involved four cars and a lorry.

Mrs Goddard's family described her as "a wonderful and much-loved mother of three, grandma of seven, wife, sister-in-law and cherished friend to so many."

"She lived for her family and was a true matriarch. She was travelling home from the school speech day celebrations of one of her grandsons at the time of the collision."

Her three children said: "We are left utterly devastated by the loss of our beautiful mum so suddenly and tragically."

"We lost our dad 10 years ago and while left



Ann Goddard was travelling home from the school speech day celebrations of one of her grandsons at the time of the collision.

bereft by his passing, mum got stuck back into life with huge celebrations this year for her 70th birthday including an afternoon tea party, a trip to the Maldives and a family holiday.

"As well as loving her family, she lived for 'the

girls' – a group of women who were more like sisters. She had spent every Tuesday evening with them since she was 16.

"She enjoyed being outdoors in the sun in her garden, the church, her swimming club, the WI, and much more".

THE news that families affected by the contaminated blood scandal would finally get answers, via a UK inquiry into the circumstances of this tragedy, was widely welcomed last week.

I was particularly thankful at long last for my constituents who lost loved ones, alongside the families of the 70 people who died in Wales as a result of receiving contaminated blood.

As Vaughan Gething AM, Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well Being and Sport said in response to a question from Julie Morgan AM:

"I welcome a UK inquiry into the circumstances of this tragedy. We all need to know the truth about what happened, so it's important those affected have their say about the inquiry's approach and remit."

"I have written to the Secretary of State and expect full engagement with those affected in Wales."

Julie Morgan, who chairs the Cross-Party Group on Haemophilia and Bleeding Disorders

which met this week, has campaigned for many years to have the circumstances that led to this tragedy fully recognised and investigated. She was thanked in the Senedd by myself and Vaughan Gething, for her commitment and determination in support of the those families affected.

The Haemophilia Society has called for the affected community to be involved in deciding the remit of the inquiry and ensure their voices are heard in the taking of evidence.

This will be pursued as the Welsh Government and the National Assembly for Wales have strongly supported the call for an independent investigation and it is right that the inquiry is UK-wide, given that the events occurred before devolution in the 1970s and 1980s.

It is always welcome to see political parties working together to improve health and well-being in Wales and this has been evident in the Parliamentary Review of Health and Social Care in Wales set up by the Cabinet Secretary Vaughan Gething, as a key commitment in our programme of

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by VALE AM JANE HUTT
(Leader of the House)

Government 'Taking Wales Forward'.

Last November, he announced the setting up of an independent panel of experts with the appointment of chair Dr Ruth Hussey, former Chief Medical Officer for Wales, joined by national and international experts in the field of health and social care.

The panel was asked to look at ways our health and care system could deliver improved health and well-being outcomes for people across Wales, reduce inequalities between certain population groups, and the big challenge of how we can 'enable the whole health and social care system to be sustainable over the next five to ten

years'.

No easy task, and the panel is due to conclude its work in December. There was a positive and constructive discussion in the Senedd, involving all political parties, and there will be more opportunities in the coming weeks, with the interim report clearly making the case for change.

Evidence can come from local experience and initiatives and I strongly believe that this can include examples of how we are trying to improve health and well-being in our local communities.

The work of charitable organisations, such as Valeways, might not seem an obvious vehicle for promoting health and well-being but our launch of Friends of Valeways last Saturday made it abundantly clear that it is.

Led by our honorary president, Derek Brockway, a good crowd of walkers, supporters and volunteers set off for a walk around Llanblethian and Cowbridge to promote the new initiative to help make Valeways sustainable. I was pleased to conclude the walk by declaring I

would subscribe to become a patron – others joined as patrons and members and businesses can also join.

The point I made at the event was that this organisation ticks all the boxes: maintaining and caring for county and coastal paths, leading volunteer path clearing teams, sharing skills with disabled and unemployed people – helping many return to work, organising weekly health walks to keep walkers active and in touch and enjoying the wonderful countryside.

We are now developing 'social prescribing' to improve health and well-being – walking, singing – being active and engaged is part of this new approach as part of our health, social care and well-being challenge.

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LATEST NEWS FROM THE FONMON APIARY

SWARMING has certainly been an issue this year. Regular call outs have been the order of the day and one of my own colonies did swarm, but thanks to a swarm box that I have up in a tree near the apiary, the swarm obligingly made use of it.

This swarm box is a regular national brood box that has a solid floor securely attached with metal clips and it contains four old drawn frames, a crown board is held in position with screws and the whole thing is hoisted into position using a block and tackle. The block and tackle device means that I can raise or lower the box as required.

All of the colonies are doing very well. I have a colony in a poly-nuc box that has had another poly box added to it to provide room for them, but I will be moving them into a national hive made up of a brood box plus a super to cater for their demand for more space.

The three swarms that I have introduced to the apiary have certainly been busy drawing out the frames of foundation and by providing them with a liquid feed, it boosts their pre-programmed home building desire.

My solar wax/melter has had good use, thanks to the hot spell. A little propolis and wax does adhere to the frames, but as they are then transferred to a steamer, further cleansing is assured.

The steamer is made up from a tea-urn water boiler that has had a copper supply pipe added to the lid (DIY) this is then attached with plastic tubing to wallpaper steamer and hey presto! The magic begins!

Varroa, as ever, is present, although their numbers are not excessive. Regular counting is the only way to be sure of this and I do check the debris trays throughout the year.

Will there be a honey crop? Things are looking very favourable.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

New trains due this autumn

RAIL passengers in Wales will start benefiting from a "new generation of electric trains" from the autumn, said Alun Cairns recently.

The Welsh Secretary and Vale MP was responding to a written question from Chris Elmore.

The Ogmore MP asked him what the timetable is for the completion of the electrification of the Cardiff to Swansea railway line.

Mr Cairns told him: "Passengers rightly expect high quality rail services. From autumn 2017, passengers in Wales will benefit from the new generation of electric trains which will deliver 27 per cent more seats, faster journey times and improved connectivity for south Wales to London – with 40 per cent more seats in the morning peak, once the full fleet is in service."

MP

New hands on the tiller as Methodist ministers move on

REVEREND Peter and Deacon Samantha Taylor, Methodist ministers in the Vale, are moving on this summer.

They have thoroughly enjoyed their seven years in their first appointments at 'Barrybados' and the Vale.

Rev Peter said: "It has been good to serve four churches of Crossway, St David's, Barry Island, St Athan and the community. For me a number of things stand out, such as enjoying working with my ecumenical colleagues; back in 2012 we launched the first Churches of Barry (COB) Good Friday Walk of Witness. This important day in the Christian calendar has grown over the years and brings a good number of local Christians from many denominations together to be a credible witness to the town."

"I have enjoyed leading COB 'Summer Praise' on Barry Island, a great place in my opinion, to be and do church. "I enjoyed leading sports-related worship events and I will always be grateful to Barry Town United for allowing me to lead a 'Football and Faith' event during the 2016 World Cup, at the club social club. Over the years, I have supported and gone to a good number of games, and it has been great to see the club rise up again! Our son, Matthew, has loved playing for the Barry under-9 team."

"We have enjoyed working with our colleagues and members in the Vale's Methodist churches. Like a number of other denominations, our congregations are declining numerically, but many people in the churches work faithfully. And across the Vale circuit, a lot goes on in the week – all led and hosted by churches – including foodbanks, Messy Church and kids' events, toddler groups, leading services in care homes and mid-week groups, with food, teas and coffees and friendships for senior citizens."

Deacon Sam said: "Over seven years, there is so much to look back on with joy. All the schools have been amazing at welcoming us, and helping our children. We can't praise the work of the schools enough here."

"Church holiday clubs have been a particular strength within the Methodist churches here, each year well over a hundred children have attended in the different Methodist churches. The children have fun and learn more about Jesus and the Bible. It was great to work with ecumenical colleagues to get 'Christmas the Story' up and running, that is something I am going to really miss. Working with Citizens Cymru has been good."

"As ministers, we journey with people through life, we've come into contact with a lot of people – in churches and in the community – at times of great joy, at times of frustrations and also at times of unimaginable sadness. It will be hard to leave behind friendships we've made, but I hope that in all we've done to try and serve this community with the Methodist Church, it has pointed people to the fact that

the love of God is for all.

"We will miss this place so much, it is a beautiful part of the world. The love and friendliness of Welsh people will go with us and will not be forgotten."

The Methodist Church has a process – which goes back to the time of its founder John Wesley – of ministers coming and going, as each minister has different gifts and no one minister has every gift.

So during August Pete, Sam and their

children, Rose and Matthew, move to Sutton-in-Ashfield, north Nottinghamshire.

Pete will work across five churches in the Nottinghamshire area and Sam will work across three church communities in Derbyshire.

The circuit is the Borders Mission Circuit, part of the Notts and Derby Methodist district. The ministers replacing Pete and Sam in September are Rev Catherine Brobbey and Deacon John Brobbey.

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Llangan school news
THIS year's summer ball was a huge success.

The event, which took place on Friday, July 7 at The Duke of Wellington in Cowbridge was very well attended with parents and PTA members.

Everyone enjoyed a lovely meal. This was followed by an auction, the proceeds of which will benefit the children of Llangan School. It was now time for the dancing to commence and a lovely time was had by all!

Leavers' assembly

IT is the time of year to say a fond farewell to the school's year-6 pupils; the school leavers' assembly will take place on Thursday, July 20.

Parents and grandparents will be in the school hall to enjoy the leavers' concert and I

understand former headteacher Mary Noyes will be at the concert.

May I add my own good wishes to all the children who will be leaving Llangan School and wish them all a successful and happy future.

Dog show reminder

A GREAT deal of interest is being shown in the dog show which will take place on Saturday, August 12 at 2pm on the church field, Llangan.

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Ruth's from Porthcawl... but her latest comedy inspiration is Splott!

TV comedy star Ruth Jones is a Porthcawl girl – is anyone out there unaware of that?

She has starred in school musicals at the Grand Pavilion, and a few months ago she returned to Porthcawl to put on a highly-successful fundraising evening for the local RNLI – once again at the Pavilion.

However, she has stayed clear of Porthcawl when it comes to her comedy writing.

She has done Barry (Gavin & Stacey) and the Welsh Valleys (Stella) but apart from a few day trips in Stella where the cast travelled to her home town, she resisted the urge to draw on her old stamping ground for inspiration.

Now, BBC Radio Wales has announced that she is to write and star in a new six-part

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN



comedy, *Splott*, set in the Cardiff district of the same name.

Ah well. It has to be admitted that *Splott* sounds funnier than Porthcawl!

Splott is the story of Mandy Ferhat (Ruth Jones) – a school cook and single mum to her live-at-home daughter Chersey.

When life gets tough, Mandy turns to her bonkers neighbour Val, and her sweet but serial-

A passionate, sometimes gung-ho, but big hearted Mandy simply seeks peace, romance and happiness... none of this comes her way without a fight.

Ruth Jones says: "Let's be honest, who can't help but love the name *Splott*. A name made more loveable by the fact that it's a real place nestled in the heart of Wales's capital."

"I'm so excited to be playing a strong gutsy Cardiffian in what I hope is going to be a refreshingly daft and silly sitcom on Radio Wales."

Radio Wales has announced some other changes to its schedules.

DJ Janice Long, who

is currently hosting *Summer Nights* on the station, Monday to Thursday, will become a permanent part of the evening schedule from September, featuring live sessions from big names, and providing a platform for Welsh artists.

Colin Paterson, editor of Radio Wales, says: "Ruth is one of the biggest comedy talents of her generation; I couldn't be more pleased that she has agreed to work with Radio Wales."

"And welcoming Janice in as a permanent part of the existing line-up shows we're serious about bringing our audience the biggest names."

Also from September, Wales Today presenter Lucy Owen is the first host of Sunday Morning with... (9.30am to 11am), bringing a mix of topical content, music and conversation.

It will be followed by Owen Money's Solid Gold Sunday – a brand new two-hour show of classic hits from the '60s and '70s.

New business really is At Your Finger Tips! *special promotion*

HERE at The Business Centre, we pride ourselves on having a range of interesting and diverse clients contributing to our supportive business community, which is why we're thrilled to announce that At Your Finger Tips, founded by Danielle Browne, is now open for business.

Danielle began doing nails when she was 16 as a hobby, painting designs and teaching herself nail art and she never expected it to become her career.

However, looking to return to work after having children, she found that there wasn't the flexibility to work around school holidays and the school day.

So like many other inspiring businesswomen we have here in The Business Centre – like Mel of Mel's Cafe and Helen of HRA (Accounting) who were looking to balance their work and family lives – Danielle looked to her existing skill set, to create her own business that works for her.

After having her third child, Noah, Danielle needed a job that would give her the flexibility for her to balance childcare with her work life but she struggled to find an employer that

would give her those benefits straight away. So she decided to get serious about her nail art and get qualified.

She took an essential nails course that let her learn from home on friends and family course and passed with flying colours! She is now a fully qualified nail technician who specialises in acrylic and gel overlays.

All of her stunning designs are self-taught and you can see some beautiful examples on her Facebook page. Danielle provides a range of nail treatments and pedicures; from acrylic

extensions, shellac, manicures, pedicures, to intricate nail designs, she is always trying to give her clients exactly what they want.

Danielle has three children: Ashton, Honey and Noah, and is married to Owen. We are thrilled to see this inspiring journey happening with lots of business women who can't find what they need in the existing

workplace so they are starting their own businesses that are thriving, which are also providing the freedom and flexibility that they require.

Danielle is also offering a special discounted price for a limited time and you don't have to be a business centre resident to go and see At Your Finger Tips – she is open to all customers from around the Vale.

At Your Finger Tips will be open at The Business Centre 9am – 6pm two days a week for all of your nail needs. Every Monday and Wednesday, you can pop in and see Danielle to give your nails some love – and the boys are as welcome as the girls.

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Pay boost for the lowest-paid Vale Council workers

OVER 1,000 of the Vale Council's lowest paid workers are likely to see an increase in pay this autumn.

The Vale Conservative Council Leader, John Thomas, is due to make an announcement on the decision today, Thursday, July 20.

The council says the plan has been discussed with the trade unions involved and, once approved by the Vale cabinet in September, will see an immediate increase in pay levels for over 1,000 employees, including cleaners, kitchen assistants and breakfast club supervisors.

The proposed change in pay rates will set the lowest pay rate at £7.90 per hour, compared with the National Living Wage at £7.50 per hour. The current level of the voluntary foundation living wage is £8.45.

Coun Thomas has also asked officials to undertake detailed assessment of the implications of moving all Vale employees onto the 'Real Living Wage'.

He says he is a firm supporter of it, but stressed the need for a properly-costed assessment before making a final decision.

Coun Thomas said the increase in pay would

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deliver a number of benefits: "This is an initial and immediate step in a journey to improving pay levels for our lowest-paid workers. "I want to see the Conservative-run council moving further towards the voluntary Foundation Living Wage over the course of my leadership and am working with officers to do that assessment.

"This would be good for staff morale and will have a positive impact on attendance and productivity. I think that it is important to send a clear message to staff that they are valued, and if such a move is financially sustainable – which I believe it can be – then it's a step that the Vale Council will take under my leadership."

Deacon Samantha Taylor of Vale of Glamorgan Citizens, an alliance of local community groups, said: "As a local Methodist Minister, I know how people in the Vale are struggling to make ends meet, so the commitment by the Vale Council to work towards the Foundation Living Wage is fantastic news for

hundreds of working families.

"Prior to the recent local elections, we asked all political leaders to work with us to introduce the Living Wage to the Vale and it is brilliant that Coun Thomas is acting on this so quickly. We look forward to the day when we can celebrate full 'Living Wage' accreditation by the Vale, but this is a great start."

Glenn Pappas, on behalf of the Vale's Joint Trade Unions, described

it as "good news for the Vale".

He added: "While we still strive for the full living wage, this is an important move in the right direction. It will help some of our poorest paid employees and reflects the council's commitments, as set out in the newly-implemented 'Staff Charter'."

The council's plans include a proposed change to the lowest pay point for council workers from £15,014 to £15,246 in December 2017. This will be in advance of a further expected pay increase in April 2018 as part of the wider local government pay review.

Rhose Library needs sponsors!

Rhose Community Library has launched an appeal to local businesses: "We need you!"

A spokesperson said this week: "What better way to promote how amazing Rhose is than producing a 2018 calendar showcasing the idyllic area and the local businesses we all know and love?"

"This is where the library needs your help. To produce the calendar, we require sponsorship. We are approaching local businesses to sponsor a month, which will include a picture of their choice and their name, logo and contact information on the page also."

"As a charity, we are relying on sponsorship and outside funding to cover our overhead costs. "Without this, we cannot keep the doors open. Being able to

produce and sell this calendar would provide us with funds to keep going."

If you wish to be a sponsor of the calendar, or are interested in helping the library in other ways, contact Samantha Campbell at sa_sullivan91@hotmail.com or via the Rhose Community Library Facebook page.

'We're lucky to have Valeways'

FIRST patron for Valeways, Jane Hutt joined honorary president Derek Brockway at their Friends launch Walk.

The Vale AM joined the weatherman, Alun Cairns and civic dignitaries at the launch walk of the new 'Friends of Valeways' at the Old Hall, Cowbridge for a walk round Llanblethian.

She told a large crowd of volunteers and supporters: "We are very fortunate to have a charity like Valeways which opens up access to our country and coastal paths – maintaining our paths and leading walks for all needs and interests."

"Valeways also engages with people with disabilities and those who are returning to work – developing skills and confidence and promoting healthy exercise."

"I was keen to join the new Friends of Valeways as their first patron and hope that many more friends will join up ASAP to support this great, unique, local charity!"

Dogs Trust launches 'heart-warming' advertisement

DOGS TRUST has launched its new television advertisement to raise awareness of the plight of the thousands of unwanted dogs in the UK.

One such dog hoping to embark on a journey to a loving home is Bruce from Dogs Trust Bridgend. The two-year-old Lurcher has been in the rehoming centre for four months and staff are baffled as to why he is being overlooked.

Angela Wetherall, rehoming centre manager at Dogs Trust Bridgend, explained: "Dogs are now available via the internet at the click of a button so unfortunately, people can buy them online on a whim, and may not give full consideration to the lifetime commitment involved in dog ownership."

"Bruce has surprisingly been with

us for a few months and we have all fallen in love with him at the rehoming centre. He is a stunning, fun-loving, lively boy so will need an active home and an energetic owner to keep up with him. He will need daily off-lead exercise and his new owners will need to give him lots of enriching toys to help keep him occupied when leaving him for short periods.

"Bruce is only two years old and will require more training and further socialisation with other dogs, which our team can help support, so is looking for a patient new owner to continue his training, help him settle in and become part of the family."

To watch the advertisement, narrated by actor Martin Clunes, follow this link: https://youtu.be/_d3DkoA1LUK.



A still from the new advertisement.

GEM competition winner is named

OUR recent food and leisure competition attracted plenty of entries - but there could only be one winner.

The winner was James Crosbie, of Barry, who correctly answered that strawberries are the fruit traditionally eaten at Wimbledon.

James will be spending his prize of £25 at The Cwm Talwg in Barry.

Congratulations to James, and keep reading for more great GEM competitions in the near future.

TASTES OF SUMMER!

JOIN the Mayor of the Vale and wine educator Antoinette Milne to taste a selection of gins and rose wines on Wednesday, July 26 at Art Central Gallery, King Square, Barry.

The evening starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £15, which includes summer fruit and cream. All money raised will go to local charities The Sorptomists, Woody's Lodge and Baby Basics. The Mayor thanked Hendrewennol Fruit Farm for their sponsorship of freshly picked strawberries and raspberries.

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FEW would have imagined how strong a reinvented *Planet of the Apes* franchise would be. The initial reboot, released in 2011, seemed to be more of a curio, but its superb execution and critical and commercial acclaim led to a second outing which was unarguably one of the finest films of 2014.

With Matt Reeves remaining in the director's chair, the third in the new series, *War for the Planet of the Apes*, now hits cinemas. Picking up two years after the events of *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes*,

any entente between man and ape has been shattered and Caesar (Andy Serkis) is now in hiding, hunted by the army who are determined to kill him.

When a raid on the ape base results in tragedy, Caesar goes after the man responsible, the Colonel (Woody Harrelson) while the rest of the apes head to new land where they can build a safer future; but things don't proceed as planned for either party...

Films tend to run out of steam on the third outing; the general rule is sequel bigger and darker, threequel disappointing and flat.

Given that the *...Apes* films have only got stronger, is *War...* capable of bucking the trend? It certainly is, the film a maelstrom of emotion and allegory, a dark and taut work that contains narrative depth and impact that you so rarely find in what is deemed to be 'blockbuster' entertainment – put simply, the film is astonishing.

This is a film about apes becoming the dominant species of Earth, a concept that became lighter and comedic as the original series of films wound on (1971's *Escape from the*

Planet of the Apes sees ape Zira drinking champagne); yet in Reeves and co-writer Mark Bomback's hands, they have wrought a film that speaks not just of the plight of the apes, but to the world in 2017.

There is metaphor piled on top of allegory here (Caesar whipped and hoisted onto a crucifix-like frame, the war between ape and human driven by a fear of the unknown, apes being rounded up into a work camp, a crazed megalomaniac building a wall), hardly the normal fare you find in a popcorn film, yet Reeves knows that you can't just rely on cutting edge technology (the CGI work that turns the actors into apes is sublime) and the odd set-piece.

It's the weight of the narrative that draws you in; over the course of three films we've seen Caesar grow from baby to man to leader, and here, driven by personal tragedy, we see the conflict behind his nobility, the needs of the many versus his desire for revenge.

The writing is sharp but the performance of Andy Serkis is uncompromisingly magnificent, one that, even this early on in proceedings, deserves

recognition come awards season.

To transcend CGI with a performance this nuanced, this deft, is a rare skill indeed and Serkis is magnetic as we see Caesar wrestle with his duty to the group and to his own family.

Woody Harrelson's Colonel is Kurtz-like (this is a film that takes its influences from the likes of *Apocalypse Now*) yet the story clearly lays out his motivations for what he's doing.

While on the surface he appears crazed, his motivations are driven from a place of logic and a clever plot point expands what drives the character even further. Harrelson's fuse is always slow-burning, threatening to explode but it never does, making him an intriguing character and one with more in common with Caesar than you might imagine.

Around them are superb turns, either motion-captured (Steve Zahn's Bad Ape bringing a degree of humour that leavens the constant

dramatic pressure, Karin Konoval's Maurice as ever Caesar's sounding board and compass) and live-action (Amiah Miller's Nova, a girl Caesar and company discover who brings a link between the human world and the ape world).

Matt Reeves' direction is, as ever, both gorgeous and visceral; the opening woodland-set firefight is intense and shot superbly, while the film as a whole has a visual feel that suits the tone of the piece perfectly, but this is a film where the punch comes from the story, perhaps even more so than any moments of action.

His ability to convey the conflict in Caesar's soul speaks of a director who can marry subtlety to a bigger budget (something that augurs well for his take on *Batman*) and that he can keep Caesar and his story front and centre is a testament to his skills.

By the time the lights go up, *War for the Planet of the Apes* will have left you

emotionally numb; it's a film that will linger long after viewing – the best film of the series yet, this is bold, bravura and poignant filmmaking.

VERDICT – An emotionally coruscating triumph of a film, *War for the Planet of the Apes* is the highlight of a series that has been of an incredible standard since the first one. With lofty

ambitions that rarely see the light of day in a summer blockbuster, this is an intelligent and wholly engaging film, with Andy Serkis' performance truly superb; one of the year's genuine highlights. Essential viewing.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes* (2014), *Logan* (2017).

NEWS IN BRIEF

Age Connects information sessions

ARE you looking for some advice on a personal matter or local matter or issue?

Alun Cairns MP is holding a drop in session at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, from 10am to 12 noon on Thursday, July 27. No appointment is needed. Contact 01446 732385 for further information, or just call in to the shop.

Do you need free and impartial advice on cutting your energy bills? Find out if you are eligible for home improvement grants through the Welsh Government NEST Programme.

An information session takes place at the

Age Connects Senior Health Shop on Tuesday, July 25 from 10am to 12 noon.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information or telephone to arrange a home visit on 0800 8082244.

IF you are over 50 and are looking for advice and support on healthy eating; if you have had to change your diet due to illness, and need some advice, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a health information session on July 25 from 10am to 12pm.

Come and talk to a health care professional from Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust Dietetics who specialise in diet and nutrition in the elderly. This will be held at 38 Holton Road, Barry. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Penarth art exhibition is extended

AN Exhibition by marine artist Nick John Rees at Penarth Pier Pavilion entitled 'Tempest & Tranquillity From The Same Sea' has now been extended to July 30.

The exhibition was scheduled to close on July 23. A spokeswoman for the exhibition said: "The response has been phenomenal, both in terms of numbers of visitors and comments received and Nick has been overwhelmed by people's reaction to his work."

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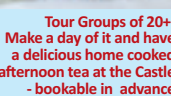
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Sneak preview of all the new facilities at Dyffryn Gardens!

DYFFRYN GARDENS has unveiled its new facilities in time for the summer holidays.

The Vale gardens boast a vast selection of plants and trees, with adventure-themed activities for children to enjoy such as assault courses and den building. New elements have also been installed in the visitors' section of the house, including a second tea room where visitors can enjoy a cream tea or snack, as well as a cafe and shop.

While the Victorian house and Edwardian gardens remain under the ownership of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, the National Trust took over their maintenance and running in January 2013, with the house reopening to visitors in March of the same year.

Vale MP and Secretary of State for Wales, Alun Cairns visited the house and gardens ahead of the opening of the new facilities. During the visit, National Trust site manager Geraldine Donovan explained: "It is key that the house and the gardens retain their

enchanting authenticity and rich history, while also encouraging involvement from visitors of all generations. There really is something here for everyone, from budding botanists to families simply wishing to relax in the grounds."

Mr Cairns said, "I had not visited Dyffryn Gardens since the National Trust had taken over the maintenance, and I was astounded by the rejuvenation work that has taken place. The house has returned from its once dilapidated condition, and is now bright with exquisite décor."

"Dyffryn Gardens is a hidden treasure in the Vale, which very few residents realise is on their doorstep. With acres of rolling lawns, there are hours of fun to be had there for children during the summer holidays. Often we overlook the spots of beauty that lie right on our doorstep – this summer do not miss out on the opportunity to visit Dyffryn Gardens!" he urged.

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'Protect animals like Rusty from attacks,' says RSPCA



RUSTY – she was shot dead in Barry.

THE Vale has been named one of the 'worst areas in Wales for airgun attacks on animals'.

Rusty the cat, from Barry, was shot by someone using an air weapon. An X-ray revealed a pellet in her back and the cat died following surgery.

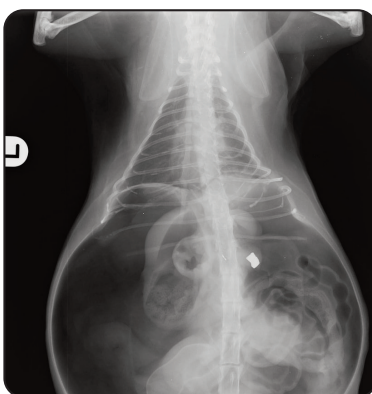
The RSPCA has received reports of 41 incidents between January 2017 and June 30, 2017 with trends indicating a rise on the previous two calendar years.

The two most prominent areas in the statistics so far this year are the Vale and Conwy with seven incidents apiece.

Martyn Hubbard, an RSPCA superintendent, said: "Reports of airgun attacks are so depressing, and domestic cats are so often the target, with the repercussions often fatal or causing life-changing injuries."

He said that the RSPCA backs calls for stricter regulations around owning an airgun.

"This, along with better education, and basic safety training for owners, will help protect the nation's animals from these attacks."



An X-ray of Rusty showing the airgun pellet.

Age Friendly event takes steps towards community change

ON June 28, a 'creating age-friendly communities' event was organised by Ageing Well in Wales, which works 'to unite people and communities with public, private and voluntary sectors'.

The event was open to anyone across the Vale interested in helping make where they live or work a more supportive environment for people of all ages.

The programme included a 'working with communities' talk by John Fanshaw from the Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern and a 'Learn, Laugh and Live: Community learning in action' session.

For more information on Age Friendly Communities, visit the website at ageingwellinwales.com/agefriendly.

'Stay safe on the beach this summer' URGES REGIONAL AM



South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies at the RNLI Barry Island Visitor Centre with staff members Julie, Avril, Ben and Ross.

BEACHGOERS across the Vale are being urged to stay safe as they make the most of the good weather this summer season.

A spokesperson said: "Those swimming in the sea should always make sure they read the safety signs, and know which flags mean it is safe to swim in the sea."

"Barry Island has a particular problem with children becoming separated from their parents or guardians, with the most reported cases of any UK beach."

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) has launched a new 'wristband scheme' – where parents write their mobile number on a wristband that their child can then wear – to try and prevent this.

If they do get separated, it then

means they should be reunited quickly.

The wristbands are available from the new RNLI visitor centre at Barry Island, the charity's first in the UK 'dedicated' to beach safety.

South Wales Central regional AM Andrew RT Davies, who last week visited the centre, praised the scheme and urged parents to make use of it.

Mr Davies said: "While there are few things better than a visit to the beach on a hot summer's day, it is important to take care and children should always be accompanied."

"If a child does get separated from their parents, it is a very distressing time for all concerned, so the wristband scheme is a great idea."

"I'd urge all parents and guardians to make use of it this summer and all credit must go to the RNLI for bringing it forward."



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Cats Protection centre to hold 90th anniversary celebration in August



Can anyone help with Pink Floyd research?

IAM researching a book about psychedelic rockers Pink Floyd, famed for their 1979 hit 'Another Brick In The Wall' and their fabulous stage effects, including the inflatable pig Algie, which once slipped its moorings at Battersea Power Station and flew off across London.

Before selling out arenas around the world, Pink Floyd started out

playing smaller venues, including the Kee Club in Bridgend in March 1969.

I'm interested in capturing people's memories of this gig for posterity, and hopefully in the process telling the band's story in a slightly different way via first hand accounts of their earliest shows.

I'd love to hear from anyone who saw them in their early career.

I can be reached at isawpinkfloyd@gmail.com or on 07717 581435. **Richard Houghton**, 1 Totnes Road, Manchester, M21 8XF.

Park home owners urged 'get involved in consultation'

OWNERS of park homes across the Vale are being urged to participate in a consultation on the commission rate paid on the sale of their homes.

Currently, when a park home is sold, a 10-per cent commission rate is paid on the sale, but the Welsh Government is consulting on whether this should change.

Speaking on a visit to Ham Manor Park in Llantwit Major, regional AM Andrew RT Davies, leader of the Welsh Conservatives, said it was vital everyone had the opportunity to have their say and urged park residents and park owners to "get involved."

Mr Davies said: "It was great to visit Ham Manor Park and have the opportunity to speak with residents of the site. It was really beneficial to meet some people who love their community and enjoy park living.

"There are many park home sites across the Vale, and over the past few months I have worked closely with a large number of residents on a variety of topical issues.

"Among those is the Welsh Government's latest consultation on the park homes commission rate and I'd urge all park home residents and park owners to participate and make their views known."

CATS Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre is holding its annual summer open day themed around its 90th birthday - which the charity is celebrating this year.

The event, from 10.30am - 3.30pm on Saturday, August 5, promises to be a fun day out for all of the family!

Staff and volunteers will be getting into the spirit, dressing up like flappers and taking you back to the Great Gatsby era of the 1920's.

Activities will also include a bouncy castle, party games, craft stalls, mega raffle, BBQ, refreshments and homemade cakes.

Between 11.30am-2.30pm, Funtastic Parties will entertain the little ones, with a puppet show, balloon modelling and everyone's favourite - face painting.

The centre invites individuals born in 1927, who will also be celebrating their 90th birthday this year, to attend and be the centre's VIP guests for the day.

Coun Pam Davies, Mayor of Bridgend, will be among the special

guests.

Attendees will also get the chance to look around the adoption centre and meet many of the cats looking to find their forever home - cats like Cupcake who found herself at the centre after her owner sadly passed away.

Cupcake is a beautiful, five-year-old Tabby and white, long haired lady who is finding it difficult to cope living in the centre and is hopeful of finding her forever home very soon.

Sue Dobbs, centre manager said: "The event promises to be brilliant fun and I hope many local residents will come out to support us, especially as we celebrate 90 amazing years of helping cats like Cupcake to have a second chance in life."

Admission is £1 for adults, 50p for children and under 3s are admitted free; park and ride and park service will be available.

To find out more, call the centre on 01656 724396, or email bridgend@cats.org.uk.

'Be vigilant at concerts' police warning

A WARNING has been issued to rogue traders, as more than 114 fake Justin Bieber t-shirts and hoodies were seized during the star's concert in Cardiff.

In a joint operation between Trading Standards and South Wales Police, officers found clothing which infringed the registered trademarks, as the singer performed at the Principality Stadium on June 30.

If the 114 items had been sold through the official merchandise outlets, the cost would be almost £5,000.

Coun Dhanisha Patel, chair of the joint committee for Shared Regulatory Services, said: "This is just one example of how well the teams at Trading Standards and South Wales Police are working together.

"The sale of fake goods is a callous exploitation of young fans. The counterfeit t-shirts seized were being sold for £10 and jumpers

and hoodies were selling for £25. The official Justin Bieber merchandise website meanwhile, sells similar clothing for less and there is a noticeable difference in quality.

"Our teams will be out in force again for the upcoming Coldplay and John Legend concerts in Cardiff city centre, and we are reminding gig-goers and other members of the public to be vigilant during these times."

The Vale Council works with South Wales Police officers to tackle these problems, with the aim of preventing legitimate business from losing money and stop profits made from ending up in the hands of organised criminals.

As part of similar work when the city hosted the recent Champions League finals in early June, more than 170,000 football fans arrived in Cardiff, and over four days, police arrested three people for ticket touting.

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WEEKENDERS**

2017

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Bicycling from Barry to the Basque region for Ty Hapus charity

ON Monday, July 24, Antony Jarvis will set off from the door of the charity Ty Hapus in the centre of Barry – with the aim of cycling all the way to Barcelona...

It's a 1,100-mile adventure that will take in Wales, England, a skip across the channel from Poole to Cherbourg, the western coast of France, the Pyrenees, and Pamplona to Barcelona.

Antony (56), a father of three, is a trustee of Ty Hapus, a day-time respite project, which supports families struggling with the effects of early onset Alzheimer's disease.

He explained why he was so keen to raise funds for the Holton Road-based cause.

"I have had family members who have suffered from Alzheimer's, and the support provided by Ty Hapus and Alzheimer's Society is a godsend for families."

Antony, a chartered management accountant who lives in Dinas Powys, is not daunted by the challenge – over the years he's completed a number of long-distance rides for a number of worthy causes.

"I've been a keen cyclist for about 15 years, with the Vale as my training ground."

"In 2010, I completed Land's End to John O'Groats for Alzheimer's Society. The following year, I cycled from Windsor Castle to Cardiff Castle for Ty Hapus; and in 2015, I made the trip from St David's Cathedral to Cardiff Castle – again for Ty Hapus."

Antony has also entered a number of other national cycling events just for the pleasure of taking part.

So why did he choose Barry to Barcelona for his fundraiser?

"I wanted a challenge similar in distance from Land's End to John O'Groats, but didn't want the rain! When I did that ride, it rained eight out of the 12 days."

"In 2014, I visited Barcelona for a weekend and it wasn't long enough, so I promised myself a return trip. Little did I think I'd be arriving by bike!"

"So, the desire to set myself a tough challenge and revisit Barcelona dictated the destination."

"A significant aspect of this trip isn't the cycling 100 miles a day for 11 days – although that is going to be physically demanding – it's going to be the fact that I will be going solo. It's lucky that I enjoy my own company."

To donate, go to: www.justgiving.com/fund



Antony Jarvis.

raising/antony-jarvis5
'PEOPLE ARE LOVED AT TY HAPUS AND FEEL SECURE'

Antony's cycle ride from the Vale to Barcelona, which starts on Monday, will raise vital funds for Ty Hapus, which has a centre in Holton Road, Barry.

So, what does the charity do, and why should people be keen to support Antony's cycle ride?

A spokesman explains:

"Working closely with the Alzheimer's Society, the dedicated and specially-trained team at Ty Hapus provide a stimulating and interesting day at the project for guests suffering with the disease, while allowing their carers to have much-needed break."

"The guests at Ty Hapus are in their fifties and early sixties and often have dependent children and husbands and wives, who still need to work, which is why respite is so vital."

"At Ty Hapus, guests choose how they would like to spend their day – the team work really hard to make sure that all the activities are geared up to younger people who have previously enjoyed a full and active life."

"Activities on offer range from golf at a local golf club, singing groups, gardening projects, quizzes, meals out and holistic therapies."

"Above all else, Ty Hapus offers friendship,

benefitted from the compassionate and kind environment."

"Guests are often frightened and bewildered and at Ty Hapus they are cherished and are made to feel secure and safe."

"The Moonance Cafe within the building, is a place for guests and the team to sit and chat over coffee and cake and plan their day."

"There is a wellbeing and beauty room, and a beautiful lounge where guests sit and chat."

"Tragically, Alzheimer's is a pernicious disease and guests tend to stay at Ty Hapus for only around two years."

"Early onset Alzheimer's is a very aggressive type of dementia and deterioration is rapid, to the point where guests need a more palliative type of care during the final stages."

"The trustees, volunteers, and the Ty Hapus team, strive to make every day the happiest it can be."

• Every single penny donated in fundraising events goes directly to help the families.

For more information, please go to: www.tyhapus.org.uk/

WI BRANCH SNAPS UP TIPS

PRESIDENT Jean Dowding welcomed visitor Bonnie Harr to the Sully WI meeting and after business was quickly dealt with, members were asked if they were available to steward at the Sully Show on September 9.

Liz Marsh will gratefully accept donations for prize-a-time at our November coffee morning, a correspondent reports.

We received an invitation from Barry Highlight WI to their charity coffee morning in aid of Blood Bikes Wales on August 22.

Members and friends are looking forward to the mid-month trip to Hidcote Manor and Bourton on the Water on July 19. We hope the weather will be kind

to us. The committee are organising a special evening for September 6, to celebrate the 750th meeting of Sully WI since its formation in October 1948.

Our speaker for the July meeting was professional photographer Dominic Warren. He hoped we would take away some useful tips at the end of the evening.

He explained there were many styles of photography, portrait, documentary, landscape etc. There are basic guidelines when taking a photo, but breaking rules is fun.

He went into detail about the three things that affect the way the camera records light: shutter speed, aperture and ISO.

He explained about the composition of pictures and

creating a point of emphasis. When photographing children, you should get down to their level.

Dominic illustrated his informative talk with an interesting PowerPoint presentation and had a selection of his photographs for us to look through during refreshments.

Competition: photo of a summer's day: First, Liz Roberts; second, Carole Lewis; third, Margaret Murrin.

Raffle winner: Glynys Elston. Sully WI meets on the first and third Wednesday each month at 7.15pm at the Old School, Sully. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Liz on 02920 530887.

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Yr wyf i, y Swyddog Canlyniadau Dros Dro ar gyfer yr etholaeth uchod, yn hysbysu fy mod i wedi derbyn yr adroddiadau a'r datganiadau o ran treuliau etholaeth yr ymgeiswyr a'r asiantau y sonni'r amdanyn isod:-

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Lovell, Sharon

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PUBLIC NOTICES UK PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION VALE OF GLAMORGAN CONSTITUENCY

I, the undersigned, Acting Returning Officer for the above constituency hereby give notice that I have received the returns and declarations as to election expenses of the under-mentioned candidates and election agents:-

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Geroni, Jennifer

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These returns and declarations (including the accompanying documents) can be inspected at Electoral Registration Office, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU during office hours within the next two years.

Debbie Marles
Acting Returning Officer
17th July 2017

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

HYSBYSIAD O GYNNIG

DEDDF YMDDYGIAD GWRTHGYMDEITHASOL, TROSEDDU A PHILISMONA 2014

GORCHYMYN DIOGELU MANNAU CYHOEDDUS 2017

HYSBYSIR DRWY HYN fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg yn bwriadu gwneud y Gorchymyn Diogelu Mannau Cyhoeddus uchod dan Adran 59 Deddf Ymddygiad Gwrthgyrmedithasol, Troseddu a Philismona 2014 (y Ddeddf) a'r holl bwerau galluog eraill.

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4. Bwriad y Cyngor yw rhoi'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig ar waith erbyn 20 Hydref 2017 ac y bydd mewn grym am 3 blynedd ar ôl hynny, oni bai y caiff ei ymestyn gan orchymynion pellach dan bwerau statudol y Cyngor.

5. Gellir cyflwyno unrhyw sylwadau neu wrthwynebiadau i'r Gorchymyn Arfaethedig hwn trwy'r dulliau canlynol tan 17 Awst 2017.

• Cwblhewch arolwg ar-lein yn www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

• Ar e-bost i consultation@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

• Yn ysgrifenedig i'r cyfeiriad ar ben yr Hysbysiad hwn;

• Ar y ffôn: ffoniwch 01446 700 111

5.1 Gellir gweld copi o'r mapiau y cyfeirir atynt uchod ar-lein yn www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council intends to make the above Public Spaces Protection order under Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the Act) and all other enabling powers.

1. The Proposed Order would relate to areas as shown on the maps, named as the 'Restricted Area', the maps are available for inspection as per paragraph 5.1 of this Notice.

2. The effect of the Proposed Order would be to restrict and/or prohibit and/or require the following activities in the Restricted Areas;

2.1 Continuing to drink alcohol when required to stop doing so by an Authorised Officer.

2.2 Not surrendering any alcohol in his or her possession when required to do so by an Authorised Officer.

2.3 Refusal to hand over any containers (sealed or unsealed) which are believed to contain alcohol, when required to do so by an Authorised Officer.

3. The Council seeks to make the Proposed Order because the above activities carried out in the Restricted Area have had a detrimental effect of the quality of life of those in the locality. The effect or likely effect of this is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature, such as to make this unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed by this Order.

4. The Council intends that the Proposed Order will come into operation by the 20th October 2017 and will have an effect for 3 years thereafter, unless extended by further orders under the Council's statutory powers.

5. Any representation or objection to this Proposed Order can be made via the following methods until the 17th August 2017.

• Complete an online survey at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

• By e-mail to consultation@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

• In writing and send to the address at the top of this Notice;

• By telephone: ring 01446 700 111

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Lee started Aven's Autos two years ago and he explained: "At Aven's Autos, we carry out vehicle repairs of more or less any kind.

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Prepare for summer driving
by planning well ahead...

THERE are plenty of potential pitfalls when it comes to summer motoring, so it's always advisable to take advice from the experts – and this week that advice comes from GEM Motoring Assist (pure coincidence, no relation at all to this GEM)!

Of course, the first step for summer motoring – even if you are not planning a particularly long journey – is to make sure your vehicle is in good shape.

A recent service will reassure you that your vehicle will be reliable, and making sure your tyres are in good shape (and legal as well) will add to that sense of reassurance.

After you've taken action to make sure your car is running well, you need to get yourself organised if you are planning a longer journey.

That's where the motoring GEM can help... It seems that with many people concerned about employment prospects and the depressed economy, even more of us will be turning to British holidays this summer and hoping that our UK weather will be sunny and hot.

However, hot weather and British road travel are by no means a partnership made in heaven, and as many motorists are now running slightly older cars than previously, it's more important than ever to take steps to ensure you don't start your holiday sitting sizzling on the side of the road!

Plus hot cars, hot kids and summer traffic queues will all try the patience of a saint, so a bit of thoughtful preparation and careful planning will



ensure you arrive at your British holiday destination in good time and shape!

This summer, GEM is urging mums and dads to be fully prepared before long trips in the car, especially with children. The not-for-profit company, which also has a road safety charity arm, has put together some top tips to help motorists along the way.

General advice

Always prepare your car before leaving on a long journey. Check: tyres / brakes / windscreen wash / lights / oil / water levels prior to setting off.

If towing a caravan, ensure you carry out suitable checks for its roadworthiness too.

Keep an eye on your petrol levels, especially if driving in the countryside and you are unsure where the next filling station will be. Try to never let the gauge fall below one quarter.

Make sure you have adequate car breakdown cover that will get you to your destination with minimal disruption in the unfortunate event of a

breakdown – and make sure you have your emergency call out number with you.

Plan your journey so you know where you are going, taking a map or GPS system with you, plus telephone number for your destination in case you do get lost or break down.

Allow extra time to get to your destination if travelling at peak times. Better still try and avoid Friday evenings when everyone else will be on the road!

Travelling with children:

Check that car seats are fitted properly and that straps are adjusted to fit the child comfortably.

Ensure your children are dressed suitably in clothing that can adapt to changing British weather. Lots of thin layers and loose fitting clothing will ensure maximum comfort and avoid over heating in warm weather.

Ensure you make regular stops – at least 15 minutes every two hours – for the loo and some fresh air.

Make sure you have healthy snacks and plenty of water on board to keep everyone hydrated. Avoid chocolate and sugary, sticky sweets and fizzy drinks at all cost.

If stopping for a meal, try to avoid eating greasy foods and over-filling tummies – meals should be plain and simple, and on the small side to help avoid travel sickness. Better still, pack a homemade picnic for the journey. You'll save money and you'll avoid any arguments about what to eat!

Take some chilled damp flannels in a sealed container – you'll be surprised how often your kids will want to wash their faces on a warm day to cool down!

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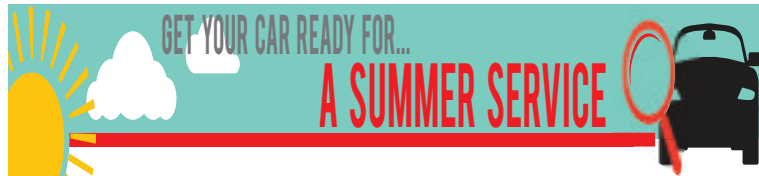
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MAKE SURE YOU'RE READY FOR A SUMMER GETAWAY!

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Prepare yourself with game ideas such as I-SPY, Car number and letter games to keep them entertained during the journey. Stories and music on personal MP3 players are a great idea and avoids disagreements about what to listen to!

Never leave children shut in a hot car – not even for just a few minutes.

Don't forget Fido!

As UK holidays get more popular, so does taking your pet on holiday. Just like kids, pets can also suffer travel sickness and overheating, so they will need to have plenty of loo, water and fresh air breaks too!

Of course, never leave your pet locked in a hot car, and you may wish to consider some sort of restraint to ensure your own and your pets' safety whilst on the move.

In case of breakdown

Breaking down on the side of the road can be extremely hazardous. Safe practice in a breakdown

situation can literally mean the difference between life and death and GEM urges drivers to carefully consider the situation and the safety of their passengers and themselves before attempting to leave the car.

GEM has a free information guide "Motorist Breakdown and Emergency Guide" which is available free of charge by visiting www.motoringassist.com and GEM recommends everyone keep a copy in their glove box to read carefully before taking action in a breakdown situation.

Of particular note, don't forget to tell the breakdown company that you have children on board.

Also, if it's warm and you wish to leave the car, exit with extreme caution on the side of the car away from the traffic. Find somewhere to sit that is a good distance away from the road and fumes and where you can keep an eye out for help to arrive.

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Why did First Minister meet EU negotiator in Brussels?

AFTER watching BBC Wales news last week, could I express how embarrassed I was to see our First Minister in Brussels, visiting Michel Barnier, the chief EU negotiator for Brexit.

What was Carwyn Jones AM doing there? He certainly wasn't there with David Davis MP, our chief UK negotiator, and I'm sure he didn't advise him or have his approval for this visit.

To me, it looked like a political spoiler tactic to sideline UK negotiating efforts in some way. If this is true, why is our First Minister indulging in such power-plays?

Certainly Mr Jones has been very clear on his position over Europe, in that he wished to remain.

Now that the country has voted to leave and Article 50 has been filed, he has amended his views and now wishes us to stay in the single market. Since this still leaves our economy controlled by Europe, to me, it's exactly the same thing.

Of course, his views are just as valid as those of us that wish to leave Europe. However, he is in a privileged position, that he actively sought, as our First Minister. As such, I believe that this position comes with responsibilities to lead and represent us all in this great Principality.

It should not just be an opportunity to apply one's own personal or party views.

So I am confused: if he represents Wales, didn't we vote to leave Europe and shouldn't he be professional enough to support our Brexit negotiator, rather than try to liaise directly with Europe?

What a negative signal his visit has given to our side, and I suspect Mr Barnier is quietly smiling to himself, as it shows how disjointed he has made our UK negotiating team.

I am also confused about his leadership style. His devolved political responsibilities are clearly set out and he must have some sort of relationship with the Government at the other end of the M4. So why isn't he working with them and showing a united front to Europe? I fully appreciate that he has some internal issues with the UK Government,

so why isn't he resolving them 'in-house', for that is what all successful negotiating teams do?

As a Welshman, I expect more professionalism from all our politicians, of whatever colour, particularly so at this critical time, as we work our way through the Brexit negotiating process. The last thing we need as a country and Principality is a rogue politician.

Therefore, I would be interested in hearing from other readers on how our Assembly and Welsh Government members should conduct themselves during these negotiations, rather than the rights and wrongs of Brexit.

FOOTNOTE: The First Minister is on record that he is concerned to ensure "Welsh interests are fully protected" when the EU negotiations are finally concluded.

'No demand for Welsh language' – says a GEM reader

IN order to bring about enormous cost savings, as well as accommodating many people's wishes, I would like to call on legislators to introduce the absolute and unconditional right for people to opt-out of bi-lingual mail from all public bodies.

Nothing can justify the huge waste of printing and posting out the same notices and correspondence in two languages, only for one of them to end up straight in the bin, and we all know which one.

We should be able to register with hospitals, schools, colleges, councils, DVLA, TV licensing, Royal Mail, HMRC etc, that we do not want to receive further correspondence in Welsh (or English).

Apart from the obvious cash savings, it would not only be much greener and kinder to planet Earth, but would have the added benefit of exposing the ever-present lie by those nationalists in any political party or institution, that there is a demand for the Welsh language.
Peter Reed, Penarth.

Airport taxi rank a source of concern

I'M perplexed by Cardiff Airport's 'official' taxi system. I have used it a couple of times recently, and noted that there seem to be taxis available from at least three different boroughs on their rank.

There are Cardiff taxis, Rhondda Cynon Taff taxis and Vale-licensed vehicles there.

Why does the airport allow these different areas to play their trade on the rank?

The price also varies too, by as much as £1.50 to £3. When I asked the driver about the difference, he said it was the night time rate, so it costs more. He provided a receipt card and told me to ring the number on it, telling me all calls and bookings are dealt with by the Cardiff office.

How can this be allowed by the airport? I want my daughters to be able to travel safely in a proper licensed Vale vehicle, not some out of town company.

Mrs Fowler, Llantwit Major.

Thanks to a good citizen

IWOULD like to thank the person who, on Sunday, July 9 at Barry Island, found my keys in the car, locked the car, hid the keys, and left a note to say where they were.

I had got my dog out of the passenger side and forgot to check I'd locked the driver's door. Thank you for keeping my car safe.
(Name and address supplied).

Appeal for witnesses after assault

COMMENTING on the news that a 19-year-old man had been taken to hospital following an alleged assault in Barry Town Centre on Wednesday, July 12, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has urged anyone with information to come forward.

Mr Davies said, "It is awful to hear of an incident like the one alleged in Barry, and I certainly hope the young

man's injuries are not serious. It's important the police have as much help and support as possible to get to the bottom of what happened; so I'd therefore urge anyone who may have seen – or indeed heard – the incident, to come forward.

"This will help the police with their enquiries as they look to find those responsible."

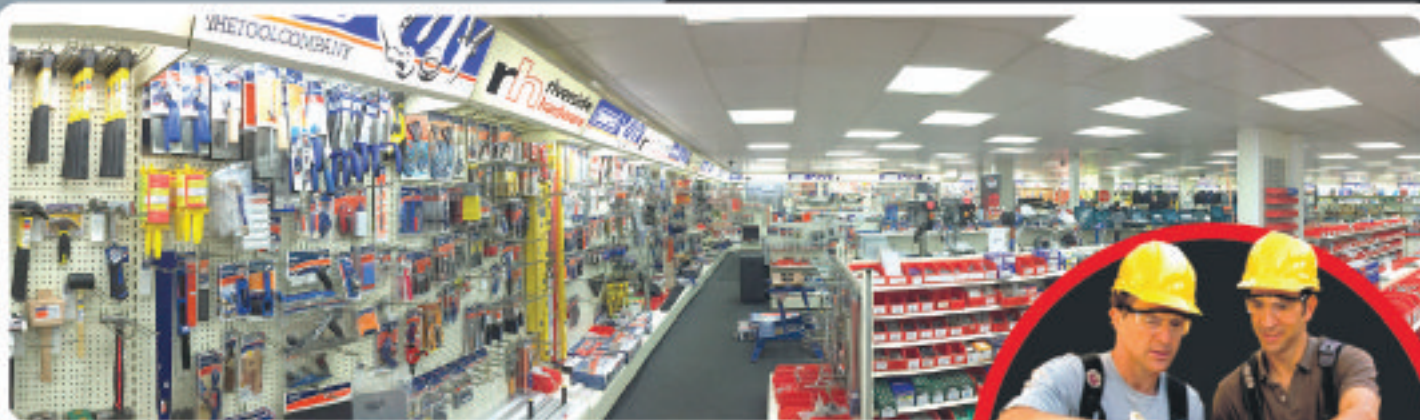
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TOWNSFOLK AND VISITORS FLOCK TO THE BIG CARNIVAL WEEKENDER IN PENARTH

Water skiers were part of the day's entertainment.



A local rock choir sang for the passers-by.



Report and pictures by NEVE CLISSOLD

LAST weekend, the town of Penarth pulsated to the sound of music and entertainment for the whole family, as the big 'Carnival Weekender' got under way.

On Friday, live music included TV's Voice finalists 'into the ark' and went on for several hours until the colourful finale at 10pm – a huge firework display to end the night. ...The fun didn't end there, with more festivities taking place on Saturday. Even though the weather was not kind, it didn't stop people from going to the Pier to enjoy the famous Penarth fish and chips!

However, the inclement weather did stop some events: the RAF Falcons were supposed to give a demonstration at The Cliff Top at 10.45am, but due to the conditions, it was not considered safe to go ahead. After that bad news, people started heading down to the Carnival to have a look around.

The RNLI had also planned a demonstration, but they decided to delay it until the weather wasn't going to be a problem. Mrs Davies said: "Even though the weather hasn't been that great, it isn't going to stop us from having a good time today."

Bro Radio (98.1FM) hosted the Carnival, presenting the events, and letting the crowd know what was happening on the day. The presenters also introduced the Rock Choir, who gave a stunning performance. They sang all of the classics, 'Uptown Girl', 'Budapest' by George Ezra and 'History' by One Direction, with the whole crowd singing along. Their performance of Halo (Beyoncé) even opened up the clouds and let the sun come through!

The performance wasn't just stunning but emotional, too. The conductor was leaving the Rock Choir to pursue her own career in music, but decided to give the audience a final treat by performing one of her favourites – 'Something Inside So Strong'. It definitely made the choir and people in the crowd shed a tear.

As you walked along the esplanade there was an amazing view of the sea and in the water, a team was set up for a Water Skiing demonstration.

The sea was calm, which meant it was perfect timing to watch a young man get whisked away by a speed boat, holding onto a piece of rope for dear life...

There were many stalls along the Esplanade, each one there to help the local community or to support various organisations: Cancer Research was present trying to raise money, and also the RNLI were receiving donations from the locals to help keep people safe in the water.

Local community stalls encouraged the locals to tell them what they like about Penarth and also what they dislike... Action Penarth Youth were asking the locals to write down their views on a t-shirt shaped piece of paper, and write their dislikes on underpants to hang them on a washing line! It was a creative and clever way of getting the community involved.

The Pier staged many events, including the Nofit State Youth Circus Show. They even had someone walk a tight rope over the water, I couldn't believe my eyes when he walked across that thin line of wire. The wind was quite strong but he was able to lie down in the middle of the rope. Incredible!

At the same time, a young man made his way to the sea and stood there playing his accordion; he must have been freezing, but it didn't stop him from playing the musical instrument perfectly!

Everyone was clearly enjoying the entertainment, and the food... Someone was selling fresh donuts, and a nice old-fashioned sweet shop had all of the traditional sweets people know and love.

There were playful things for children to get involved in, a skate park, a bouncy castle and some classic carnival games like Hook the Duck. There was a fire engine present, and the firefighters helped dress the kids in all of their gear.

Even though the weather was awful at the beginning of the day, it managed to brighten up and everyone had a great time. The Penarth Carnival did not disappoint and I cannot wait for next year.

• The writer is a sixth form student at Llanishen High School.



ABOVE: Acrobats were a big part of the 'Circus of the Sea' section of the carnival.



The method acting way of playing 'La Mer'.



High wire walker Ellis Grover took on a 270-metre walk from the seafront to Penarth Pier.



Penarth RNLI welcomed visitors.





Mini-triathlon raises funds

MORE than £2,200 has been raised by a charity that helps physically disabled people in the Vale.

Hên Goleg League of Friends – charity to the Vale Council's Social Services provision – raised funds for New Horizons Day Service by holding its second mini-triathlon fundraising event, with participants covering 736 kilometres in the process.

The aim of the race was for those taking part to, collectively, cover the 686 kilometres between Barry and Fecamp (France), one of the Vale's twin towns.

Competitors did this by swimming, cycling, running and walking, and contributed to the overall distance by taking part in one, two or three of the triathlon elements.

Users of the day centre completed their cycling and walking elements in the day centre gym, making use of some of the specialised equipment bought with the funds raised in last year's event, while supported swimmers took part in Barry Leisure Centre.

Linda Ruston, who works at the day centre, said: "The event saw everyone involved gel together to achieve the set distance. We plan to organise it again next year, make it a hat-trick, and perhaps even an annual event.

"A huge thank you is owed to six local companies: GRABit Plant Hire, Stokes General Builders, Woodland Electricals, D & M Mechanical Engineers Ltd, Travis Perkins Ltd and Plnit Building and Civil Engineering, which sponsored us for £500."

People can still donate to the cause by visiting www.gofundme.com/newhorizonsminitriathlon.



The Rhondda Fawr and Aunty's Stile for Penarth and District Ramblers

JOHN R from Penarth and District Ramblers played host to seven walkers and took the train to Ton Pentre.

A steep climb in hot sunshine led them out of the valley and onto open moorland near the Iron Age fort of Maendy Camp, with its glorious views down the Rhondda Fawr, with barely a trace of the old mines that scarred the landscape during the industrial era.

Passing the glacial cwm of Graig-Fawr before enjoying a coffee break near Bwlch y Clawdd, the second climb led them onto Craig Ogwr and stunning views up to the central Beacons, Nantymoel, Pricetown and Ogmogre Vale in the valley below with the sea in the distance.

Journeyming on to Bwlch yr Afan and through a wind farm, some rough walking over Mynydd y Gelli followed by a difficult descent through long grass led to their lunch stop overlooking Abergwynfi.

Tramping through the small villages of Abergwynfi and Blaengwynfi on the valley floor, another steep climb led into forestry at Mynydd Blaengwynfi for the long climb to a junction of paths and a short break to take on liquid.

With the good news that the climbing was finished, a rough stony, winding track led them

steeply downhill through the gorgeous Cwm Selsig to reach Blaencwm, followed by a swift return through Tynwydd to Treherbert with one minute to spare before the train taking them home left the station.

Ten walkers joined Joy at Colcot Road, Barry, on a humid evening heading across the northern end of the Butts Field then down through the Merthyr Dyfan valley. Almost hidden away by trees stands the medieval church dedicated to St Dyfan and St Teilo which dates back to the 13th century.

Although some 13-14th century pottery was found in this area, because of all the housing and road development, all evidence of buildings relating to the Mediaeval period have been lost forever.

From Merthyr Dyfan Road and Port Road East, a narrow pathway between houses led into a field for the descent into the Brynhill Valley. The group crossed the footbridge over a stream and heading uphill through a meadow, headed downhill onto the lane near to the entrance to Goldslan Farm, where they turned west towards New and Old Wallace farms.

Reaching what is affectionately known as 'Aunty's Stile', a chance to remember Mina Fairfax, who upon losing her husband at the age of 78 took up rambling with the group in its early days. The stile is close to

the river bridge where she and husband Arthur did their courting.

Joining the old sunken Highlight Lane and heading uphill to the ruins of the 12-13th century Highlight Church, once surrounded by a village where Highlight Farm now stands, the return trip was made across the playing fields beside Barry Comprehensive School.

On July 20, meet at 6.30pm at Wenvoe Church for a 3.5-mile easy walk in south Wenvoe; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On July 22, meet at 8am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 12-mile moderate/hard walk at Alderley on the edge of the Cotswolds; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

On July 23, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 10-mile hard walk at Bal Bach and Hatterall Hill in the Black Mountains above Llanthony; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

On July 27, meet 7pm at the Travelodge (formerly the Cwmiddy) for a four-mile moderate evening walk at Porthkerry Country Park; contact Jan/John on 01446 418514.

To follow the group please log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Pupils get to grips with lessons down on the farm



WHERE does our food come from and could farming be a career? Those were some of the questions put to primary school children in Glamorgan recently

Providing answers to these questions were Farmers' Union of Wales members Nicola and Tom Lewis of Neuadd Wen Farm, Llanharan, Pontyclun, who joined years 1 to 3 pupils at Llanannor and Llanharan Church in Wales Primary School, as part of their careers day.

FUW Glamorgan CEO Rachel Saunders said: "Nicola and Tom did a great job engaging the children and talked about where all our food comes from. The kids were extremely interested and were all answering questions as well as asking lots of relevant questions too."

"It's really important that we teach our children where their food comes from. It was shocking to hear that, according to a recent survey by the British Nutrition Foundation, many children think that cheese comes from plants, tomatoes grow underground and fish

fingers are made of chicken."

Helping to show his fellow pupils how to feed lambs, was seven-year-old Morgan Lewis, who with the help of his parents, Nicola and Tom, brought in his pet lambs Amy and Millie.

Children at the school also got the chance to milk a life-sized wooden cow, which was provided by Ty Tangylwyst Farm.

Tom, who aside from running the home farm with wife Nicola also works part time as an agricultural engineer for Riverlea tractors, said: "We had a great day at the school and really enjoyed showing the children as much as we could about farming."

"Working in agriculture can be an exciting career choice, offering a huge variety of opportunities for highly skilled and ambitious people. I am concerned that not enough is being done in schools or by careers advisers to promote careers and opportunities in the sector."

"Agriculture is a global industry that uses cutting-edge technology, innovates constantly and makes important contributions to the national economy. In Wales alone nearly

60,000 people are employed either full time or part time on farm holdings and the sector is also the cornerstone of the £6.1 billion Welsh food and drink supply chain industry."

Nicola, who also works part time as Bridgend's rural development team, said: "Farming and agriculture has a lot to offer and of course, we need a next generation of farmers."

"Aside from educating our children about where their food comes from, we must also increase our efforts to change the perception of the sector."

"We need to attract new entrants, come up with solutions and provide assistance for young people to overcome barriers to the industry."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Living independently
THE TeV Project operates in the Vale and aims to improve quality of life by helping vulnerable people manage the risks of living on their own, with a simple easy to use device.

An adviser from the project will be available to demonstrate this easy to use equipment on Tuesday, July 25 at 10am to 12pm at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment is needed, just come along, call 01446 732385 for further information.

Epilepsy help
IF you have epilepsy or care for someone with this condition, you are not alone: support is available from Epilepsy Wales.

A local support group meets monthly from Thursday, July 27 at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop in Barry, from 10am to 12pm.

Drop in for coffee and a chat and find out what support is available; talk to others in the same situation. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Health Board contract failings 'deeply worrying'

COMMENTING on the news that the Auditor General for Wales has found "numerous and significant failings" in the way Cardiff and the Vale University Health Board procured and managed HR contracts, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has called the situation "deeply troubling" and has said there are serious questions that need answering.

Mr Davies, leader of the Welsh Conservatives, said: "It is deeply

worrying to find that such serious issues could occur in a £100bn organisation – and there are serious questions for the chair and directors of the Health Board to answer."

"To find out that the health board could not demonstrate that the contracts were awarded fairly, transparently, lawfully or obtained value for money for the taxpayer is extremely concerning – and there will be widespread anger among staff."

"Lessons must be learned and action taken to ensure that such serious failings are not repeated in future, and that proper procedures are followed," he urged.

'BIG SCHOOL' WELCOMES THE NEXT YEAR'S INTAKE



Striking a pose in the drama studio.

A stormy day on Penarth Pier is people's choice!



Pat Clifton's winning painting of Penarth Pier.

AT the recent annual summer exhibition of Sully Painting Group, Pat Clifton's painting of a stormy day at Penarth Pier was voted the 'most appealing painting' by visitors to the exhibition.

Second and third favourites were Marilyn Davies' 'Highlander' and Sally Wiltshire's painting of a hare.

Pat Clifton was presented with the Norman Thomas silver Cup for 2017, by the chairman, Nigel Adams, at the summer end-of-year meal at the Seashore Grill in Sully on July 11.

The proceeds of the exhibition will be presented to this year's chosen charities – MIND and Ty Hafan children's hospice – at our AGM in October.

Once again, we thank everyone who came to support the exhibition and look forward to their continued support next year.

For more information on Sully Painting Group, please contact Nigel Adams on 02920512308. AS



Nigel Adams presents Pat Clifton with her trophy.

HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE BARRY SUMMER FAYRE!

VOLUNTEERS are being sought for the Barry Summer Fayre, taking place on August 12 from 11am to 4pm at High Street.

The fayre will be fun for residents and visitors alike, with workshops, traditional games, competitions, cream teas, floral displays, a dog show and live musical entertainment.

Vale MP Alun Cairns said: "The retailers in Barry's shopping quarter do such a fantastic job in bringing life to the High Street and I have every confidence that their summer fayre will be a

THE current school year isn't over yet, but Barry Comprehensive School's new year-7 pupils didn't have to wait until September to try out their new school.

Recently, the prospective pupils' parents attended a transition evening for a presentation and the chance to chat to teachers about the new academic year.

Last week, the year-6 students spent the day at the school attending lessons, meeting teachers and finding their way around with help from current pupils.

These preparations are part of the school's transition programme, which is designed to make the big move to secondary education a little easier for pupils and their parents. All enjoyed the day and were a credit to their primary schools.

Penarth man will run the gauntlet for autism charity

A PENARTH man will be among those taking part in the Gauntlet Games, in Cardiff on July 22.

Aled Thomas will be part of the team raising money for Cardiff-based Autism Spectrum Connections Cymru (ASCC). They will be running and dodging obstacles for a distance of 5-10km. The Gauntlet Games consist of giant inflatables, swings, a slippery slide and a space hopper.

The games take place every year in cities across the UK to raise money for charities. The aim, according to the organisers, is to "have fun with friends regardless of their fitness

ability. Our ethos is that races are for everybody – not just marathon runners."

Each participant has to raise £100 of sponsorship money before they take part.

Aled (23), of Penarth, said: "I'm doing this challenge to raise money for an excellent autism charity, which is based in Cardiff."

"I've been collecting sponsorship money online and I'm donating this to ASCC, which I think provides an invaluable service."

Anyone wishing to donate, can visit Aled's fundraising page at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/aledthomas21>.

roaring success.

"Credit must be given to the organisers and the volunteers without whom the fayre would not be going ahead."

"If anyone can spare a couple of hours of their time to help on the day, please do give your support to our fantastic, independent retailers."

For information on how you can help at the summer fayre, visit the highstreetshoppingquarter page on Facebook.

Can the Vale get behind Josh's amazing challenge?

A COWBRIDGE man is in full training – for a challenge that would be a staggering one for even an Olympic athlete.

However, Josh Llewellyn-Jones, who will be 30 on July 31, is doing it despite having Cystic Fibrosis (CF) – a condition that should make it impossible.

In just 24 hours at the Vale Resort on July 28/29, he intends to do the following:

- Lift 100 tonnes.
- Cycle 100 miles.
- Run 10 miles.
- Row 10 miles.
- Cross-Train 10 miles
- Swim 2 miles.
- Do 3,000 situps.
- Do 1,000 pushups.
- 1,000 squats.

He is hoping that doing this incredible feat will help him raise £100,000 for Cystic Fibrosis research.

Has Josh been in training long for this challenge?

In fact, he has been training all his life.

Cystic Fibrosis means the lungs and digestive system are at a daily risk of becoming clogged.

The life expectancy is put at 37 years of age.

Josh explains: "When I was born, my parents did a great deal of research and went to America to see a



Josh Llewellyn-Jones (on left) with Darren Campbell.

specialist." He was Dr Bob Kramer, and his advice was simple. It was to get Josh out running every morning and when he had had enough, insist that he did more!

Josh said that this evolved into a personal motto: "I train to stay alive."

That intense training meant that Josh's teenage friends probably did not realise the seriousness of his condition. He looked fit and was indeed fit – at 15 he was in the Welsh under-21 cross-country squad.

However, at 21 the CF surfaced, and his intestines became twisted – a seven-hour operation was needed to sort out the problem.

After that experience, Josh returned to his

training regime, and has been in contact with many other CF patients.

Part of his mission is to inspire them, as well as raise money.

This week, on Tuesday, July 11, Josh was a guest on the Radio 5 programme, *Get Inspired*, presented by the former Olympic sprinter Darren Campbell.

Darren has been offering training advice but, as the weekend draws near, it will all be down to Josh.

A podcast of Darren Campbell's show can be found on <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p058ffxt>

Josh's justgiving page is at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/24hrs4cf>

SPORTS DAY FOR NURSERY PUPILS



THE parents/carers of the nursery children in Oak Field Primary School were proud this morning when they took part in their sports day.

Eggs and spoons and running races were the order of the day while proud parents and carers looked on and cheered their mini athletes. ND



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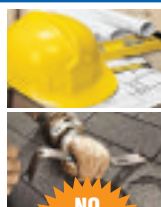
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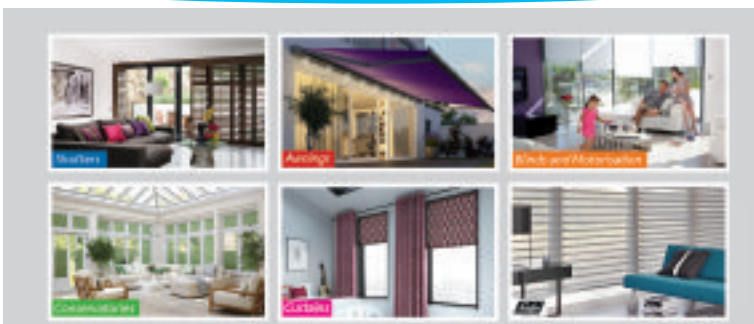
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PREECE

Alan

Suddenly on 26th June, whilst returning from holiday. Beloved husband of the late Margaret. Brother of Graham and much loved father of Steven and Susan, father-in-law to Lynda and Dean. Devoted bamps to Ryan and Melanie and loved grandad to Joshua, Christian, Ellie and Theo.

Funeral service at Barry Crematorium on Friday, 28th July at 11am. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired to Noah's Ark c/o A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA.

TUCK

Christopher

Peacefully on 11 July at Llandough Hospital, Christopher Norman (Chris), aged 93 years of Barry. Dearly loved husband of Rosa (Rose). A loved father of Brian and father-in-law of Jan. Cherished grandad of Jonathan, brother of Beryl and brother-in-law of Cliff.

Chris will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

Resting at A. G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the funeral on Thursday, 27 July. Funeral service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium where family and friends please meet at 1pm. Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Cancer Research.

ROGERS

Mary Elizabeth (Betty)

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital, Penarth on July 6th, Betty of Churchfields, Barry. Dearly beloved wife of the late Ron, much loved mum of Nicholas, mother-in-law of Susan. Betty will also be sadly missed by Dianne and David Evans.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until her funeral service and committal at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, July 25th at 11am.

Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers, if desired to Diabetes UK.

MANN-COBBAERT

Bertha

Peacefully after a short illness at Springbank Nursing Home, Barry on July 10th with her only daughter Deborah at her side. Bertha, aged 90 years, dearly beloved wife of the late Joseph William Mann.

Bertha will be sadly missed by all her family and friends in Belgium.

Deborah would like to thank the staff at Springbank Nursing Home, Barry for all the loving care given to her mum Bertha. Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until her funeral service and committal at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Friday, July 21st at 5pm. Family flowers only, donations, in lieu of flowers, if desired to The Alzheimer's Society.

CHAMBERLAIN

Stanley (known as Jack)

Peacefully on Thursday, 29 June 2017, aged 95, Jack formerly of Colwyn. Beloved husband of the late Esme, much loved father of the late Pat, deeply missed father-in-law of Barry and his wife Liz and dear grandfather of Morgan and step grandfather of Savannah and York, friends with the walking group the 'Ramblers'. We will all miss him to talk to, listen to his wisdom and argue with. A very special person indeed.

Funeral service Monday, 24th July 2017, Coychurch Crematorium at 11.30am. Family flowers only by request.

Enquiries to Gareth Watts, Owen E Jones & Co Ltd, Maesteg. Tel. 01656 733167.

JENNINGS

David John

It is with great sadness we announce David's sudden passing in his sleep. Beloved son of the late June and John. Precious brother, cousin, uncle and much loved nephew of Lynda.

He will always be in our hearts.

Funeral service at Barry Crematorium on Friday, 21st July at 4pm.

HAMLETT

Iris Maud

Peacefully on July 2nd at Bellavista Nursing Home, Barry, Iris, much loved gran to Peter, Nick, David and Jaclyn. Adored Granny 'I' to all her great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Loving sister of Alan, Wyndham, Colin and Lillian.

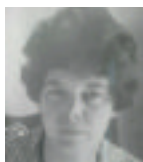
She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Iris is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of her life at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Wednesday, July 26th at 11am. Flowers are welcome to be sent to the funeral home. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Ben Hartery - 01446 407962

DAVIES

Joan Howard

(Children's author Joan Drake)



b.27/12/1924 d.11/7/2017

The children's author Joan Drake has passed away aged 93. Born and brought up on Merseyside, it was whilst seriously ill and confined to bed as a teenager that she began her published writing career.

She lived most of her adult life married to vet Emyr Davies in Barry, South Wales. During the fifties, sixties and seventies she brought joy to many young readers with books including Sally Seal, The Jiggle Woggle Bus, the Mr Grimpwinkle series, Mr Bubbis and Mr Deggas stories and Miss Hendy's House. Her books were illustrated by such names as Shirley Hughes and Val Biro, amongst others, as well as being translated to other languages. Latterly she had suffered ill health and moved back to Merseyside to be near family. Her funeral will take place at Landican Crematorium, Birkenhead, Wirral on Friday 28th July at 2.30pm.

All enquiries to Charles Stephens
Funeral Directors Tel: 0151 645 4396

SEARLE

Jim

Peacefully at Axbridge Nursing Home, formerly of Llantwit Major, Jim, passed away, aged 83 years.

He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, Llantwit Major until the church service at St Illtud's Church on Wednesday, 26th July 2017 at 1pm and afterwards at Boverton Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations if wished (cheques only) to Cancer Research UK c/o funeral director.

HARRISON

Captain Edward Brian

Peacefully on 9th July 2017 at Llandough Hospital, Captain Edward B. Harrison of Barry, aged 83 years. Beloved father of Michael and Christian. Grandfather of Steven, Sheriah, Jordan and Sam and husband of the late Patricia Harrison.

Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service on Thursday, 20th July at 2pm in St Mary's Church, Barry, followed by cremation at Barry Crematorium at 3pm and afterwards the wake will be held at the Sea View club, Dock View Road, Barry.

THOMAS

Eric Winston

Eric Winston Thomas sadly lost his battle with cancer on Friday, 14th July. Beloved husband of Rose, adored father of Bethan and Menna, doing 'Cu' of Iwan, Gracie, Dewi and Rhodri. The family would like to extend a warm invitation to celebrate his life on Thursday, 27th July at 1.30pm at Bethel Baptist Church in Llantwit Major, 3.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium and afterwards at The Great Barn, Rosedew Farm.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu may be made to Mind in the Vale of Glamorgan or Ty Hafan.

PRYOR-COLLINS

Lance

Respected hairdresser and owner of Fich & Ramous, Cowbridge.

Passed away peacefully after a short illness on Thursday, 29th June at Barry Hospital. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Claire, step-children Ffion, Iwan and Lowri and his siblings Chris, Stephanie and Georgina.

A short service will be conducted by the Rev. Heather Weddell at the United Free Church, Cowbridge on Monday, 24th July at 12.45pm, followed by cremation at The Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium (Barry Crematorium) at 3pm.

The family respectfully request that no flowers be sent but would welcome and gratefully appreciate donations to, IFAW (International Fund for Animal Welfare), 87-90 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7UD and the Dogs Trust Bridgend, Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, CF31 4NG.

CHAPLIN

Margery Mary (Née Fisher)

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on Sunday, 9th July, Margery, aged 90 years of Barry. Beloved wife of the late Tom, much loved mum of Susan and Gareth, mother-in-law of Stephen and Alison, loving grandma to Huw, Claire, Richard, Stuart and the late Paul. Adoring great-grandma of Ceri, Zoe, Lucas, Chloe and Sophie.

Margery will be sadly missed by all of her family friends and neighbours.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Wednesday, 26 July. Funeral service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium where family and friends please meet at 12 noon. The family would like to thank the staff at Llandough Hospital for their support and kindness during Margery's final weeks. Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Alzheimer's Research or British Heart Foundation.

HUGHES

Donna Katrina

Suddenly on the 13th July at Llandough Hospital, Donna of Llantwit Major, devoted wife of the late John, loving Mother to Jo, Nathan and Helen, much loved grandmother, sister and mother-in-law. Donna will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral service Tuesday, 25th July at St Illtyds Church, Llantwit Major at 10.30am, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 12 noon. No flowers by request, donations, if desired, to Lung Research Fund 9504 c/o Dr Ben Hope-Gill at Llandough Hospital, Penlan Road, Llandough, CF64 2XX.

DAVIES

Jennifer (Jen)

Peacefully on 4 July at Springbank Nursing Home Barry, Jennifer (Jen), aged 75 years of Galau Ceredig, Gladstone Road, Barry. Well known for her charity collecting in Holton Road, Barry. Dearest sister of Val and the late Pat. A loved aunt of Olwen, Gareth and Tracey.

Jen will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Friday, 28 July. Service in the chapel at 2pm, followed by cremation at Barry Crematorium. Bright colours may be worn. Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for British Legion.

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Dame Kelly's Trust helped Jodie get her life on track



Dame Kelly Holmes, Jodie Coupland and Philippa Tuttiett at the 'Get on Track' event in the Senedd last week.

A TEENAGER from Cefn Glas who has turned her life around thanks to an Olympic heroine, told her story in the Senedd last week.

By her own admission, Jodie Coupland's life wasn't going the way she wanted 18 months ago. She was in her final year at Ysgol Bryn Castell and didn't have any idea what she wanted to do after finishing school.

When she got involved with Wales' first ever 'Get on Track' programme, everything changed.

Run by the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust and supported locally by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), the Trust's flagship programme uses elite athletes as role models to help transform the lives of young people and inspire them to make more positive life choices.

Jodie was part of a group that was mentored by Wales women's rugby international Philippa Tuttiett. From their base at the Bridgend Life Centre, the group took part in a variety of activities and a range of new experiences to help bond them together as a group.

All the participants were aged between 16 and 24 years old and had faced challenges in their young lives. 'Get on Track' helped them brush up on interview techniques, learn how to write CVs, and get involved in volunteering.

Jodie returned from the course a much more focused and determined person, ready to achieve her goals. She has since gained a part-time job with Halo Leisure and has assisted Philippa Tuttiett on this year's programme in Maesteg, as well as helping other young people in Blaenau Gwent.

She recently told her story to representatives from several organisations after being invited to the Senedd by the first Minister and Bridgend AM, Carwyn Jones.

Jodie said: "Get on Track changed my life in so many ways and I could never thank Philippa and the rest of Dame Kelly's team enough for all the help and support they've given me."

"They are truly inspirational people - everyone needs an athlete mentor! I would definitely recommend the project to every young person if you want to go back into education, training, work or even need help with life skills. Whatever you need is on this course."

Jodie was joined in Cardiff Bay by Dame Kelly Holmes, who is keen for the 'Get on Track' programme to expand in other parts of Wales after its successful start in Bridgend county borough.

To date, the Kelly Holmes Trust has worked with over 400 world class athletes across the UK and supported

in excess of 300,000 young people facing disadvantage. Dame Kelly's vision is for the Trust to support over 10,800 more young people in Wales by 2020.

She said: "We believe that every young person in Wales - regardless of their past or current circumstance - has the potential to have a positive future."

"It can take just one special individual to help them realise the confidence and determination needed to succeed and the resilience to go again if barriers or challenges arise."

"That's why I'm so excited to see the impact of our work in partnership with BCBC and the potential we have to reach so many more thousands of young people facing disadvantage across Wales over the next few years."

Coun Huw David, the Leader of BCBC, said: "We were very proud to be the first local authority to host the Get on Track programme in Wales last year, helping young people from a range of backgrounds."

"Some had been in care, were homeless, or had been at risk of offending, while some were just increasingly facing challenges in finding employment or engaging in education."

"Within eight months of our first Get on Track programme, 72 per cent of the young people were in employment, education or training. The Get on Track course helped Jodie understand what she wanted to get out of life, and without it she wouldn't be doing what she is today. And there are many other success stories similar to Jodie's."

Helen Ridout, Jodie's former headteacher at Ysgol Bryn Castell, said: "Get on Track pushed Jodie outside of her comfort zone and helped her develop into a responsible young adult who is able to participate and make a positive contribution not just to her own life but to society too. We are extremely proud of the progress she has made. In the same way that her mentors have inspired her, we are now using her story to inspire our current pupils."

The first Bridgend County Borough 'Get on Track' programme was funded by the People's Postcode Lottery, and the launch of the programme in Wales was also made possible, thanks to a funding award from The Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys.

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Friendly fever at Jenner Park as Barry take on Newport County

FRIENDLY fever hits Jenner Park on Tuesday night (July 25), as Welsh Premier League newcomers Barry Town United entertain Football League survivors Newport County in a 7.30pm kick-off.

After a difficult start, the Exiles preserved their League Two status in May by winning five of their final seven fixtures, with Irishman Mark O' Brien securing his place in Newport County folklore with a crucial 89th-minute winner against namesakes Notts County on the final day.

Aiming to avoid a repeat of last year's struggles, Newport have moved to recruit a handful of new faces for their upcoming League Two challenge, with former West Ham United and Coventry City forward Frank Nouble and Yeovil Town midfielder Matt Dolan joining fellow newcomers Robbie Wilmoth from Chelmsford and Lamar Reynolds from Brentwood.

Both Wilmoth and

Reynolds were on target in last weekend's opening first-team friendly, as the County turned over Southern League outfit Swindon Supermarine by four goals to three in Wiltshire.

The Newport club has furthermore secured the services of one-cap Wales international David Pipe on a permanent deal, after Pipe made more than 20 appearances on loan from Eastleigh last term.

For Barry supporters though, perhaps the most familiar name on their way to the Town this Tuesday will be manager Mike Flynn - a trophy-winning midfielder with Barry in his early playing days.

Arriving at Jenner Park in 2000, Flynn made his Welsh Premier League debut in a 1-0 win over TNS that October, scoring his first goal for the club one week later at Oswestry and ripping the Jenner Park net for the first time against Cefn Druids the subsequent weekend.

Peppering his debut season with a pair of hat-tricks, Flynn's most famous goal for Barry

arrived the following August, as the midfielder headed the Town in front in the famous 3-1 win over FC Porto.

Aged 21, Newport-born Flynn would make the scoresheet again in Barry's 2002 Welsh Cup Final win over Bangor City, before making a summer switch to Wigan Athletic.

His professional career would later take him to the likes of Gillingham, Blackpool, Huddersfield Town and Bradford City.

Flynn's return to Jenner Park will be a cause for celebration, yet counterpart Gavin Chesterfield will have no intention of his own side rolling over, as their Welsh Premier League preparations intensify.

The Town began their own pre-season with a 1-1 draw against Goytre, striker TJ Nagi opening the scoring in the 16th minute, before counterpart Luke Prosser equalised with a mere five remaining.

The warm-up saw striker Kayne McLaggon make his first appearance in a Barry Town shirt since his move from Merthyr Town, with fellow new signing Sam Jones joining development squad talent Mikey George and Luke Sylvester in enjoying a summer run-out at Jenner Park.

A crowd of over 200 spectators turned out for this first glimpse of Barry's Welsh Premier League squad, with a larger crowd anticipated for the visit of Newport County on Tuesday evening.

Tickets for the match are still on sale at www.ticketsource.co.uk/barry, with general admission available on the night via the Barry Road and Gladstone Road turnstiles at only £5 (adults) and £3 (concessions).

Barry's final warm-up for Newport County comes this Saturday (July 22), as the Town tackle Welsh League Division One runners-up Penybont at Bryntirion Park (2.30pm).

PJ

Wanderers impress in defeat

THE Barry Wanderers first team made the trip to Crumlin who were unbeaten this season and were strong underdogs as they took the field but with nothing to lose.

Captain for the day Anderson did what the usual skipper does and lost the toss with the result that the Wanderers were invited to bat.

Anderson himself opened and despite the loss of Hornby, he and George Allen proceed quickly to put the Wanderers in a decent position at 115 for 1 off 20 but when Allen was caught for 56 and then Anderson for 44 things went downhill rapidly.

Slow bowling was once again the factor and some outstanding catching from Connor Hopkins, Laurence Pritchard and Ieuan Veall which back up the adage of catches winning matches.

Peter Coleman of the Wanderers described the catches as being something you would expect at first class standard.

At the end of the innings the Barry team had once again failed to reach 200 and even managed to fall one short of a batting point as well as failing to bat out the full allocation of 45 overs by finishing on 174, a score Crumlin usually pass with ease.

Here much credit must be given to Barry for making Crumlin stumble their way past the total. With Connor Hopkins, who hit a century last week plus Simon Veall who scores runs in his sleep and Ross Jolliffe, who hit two tons against The Wanderers last season in the line-up, the baggy greens knew they had to bowl very well and indeed they did.

Hopkins was bowled by a beauty from Selvaraju for 18 but while Jolliffe and Simon Veall were at the crease the game was going away quickly but Jonny Hill bowling spin again removed Veall for 34 which is a comparative failure, while Jolliffe also fell to Hill for 55, although he could have been caught earlier.

The outcome was that Crumlin passed the total with three wickets to spare and a full 10 overs but at least they were made to work for it. Crumlin certainly deserve to go up and they play hard cricket and have a great deal of fun off it.

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than usual and with Crumlin also only having lost once as opposed to the home team only winning once, they would have to be.

Credit to both teams for putting on an excellent game of cricket in damp and horrible conditions with the Wanderers batting first and a fantastic partnership between captain Paul Sawyer and Aditya Tamathan being the highlight with Sawyer finishing on 65 not out and Aditya bowled for his maiden fifty for the club of 57.

This took the total to 203 from 40 which would at least challenge the Crumlin boys.

Ieuan Wade took a superb catch in the deep early on off the bowling of David Morgan to remove Stredwick and at drinks the game was very much in the balance, but a fantastic stand from Dilshan and Meek who finished not out 77 and 51 respectively took Crumlin over the line with six wickets and five overs to spare but again the Barry team should be encouraged that they gave a very good team a hard game.

On Sunday Arriva Trains were welcomed to Hayes Point and the Wanderers, with a surplus of players, which is highly unusual, gave three players to Arriva.

The watching president Gerry Richards was very keen to see how his own players performed as he is convinced they perform better when in opposition.

The game was great fun as Arriva posted just over 200 while in reply Rhodri Jones fell nine short of his first Wanderers century to a fantastic catch by Patrick Lane who had also taken a superb catch earlier.

The Wanderers stumbled but were not to be denied and a great day was had by all so some huge thanks must go out to Coleman and his ground staff for getting the game on. The president was happy to see a Wanderers win for a change.

This weekend sees the first team host Creigiau in a crunch game while the seconds make the opposite journey and the seconds will also make a Sunday journey to Monmouth as their ground is not available in September.

All eyes though will be on Hayes Point on Saturday as the game could have a big say in who goes down. It should be good.

Plenty of competition at St Athan Golf Club's captain's day



GARY Bohun welcomed members of St Athan Golf Club to join him in participating in his captain's weekend recently, and several dozen members from all sections of the club competed in the 18 hole Stableford competition on Saturday, July 8.



Vale's young athletes make their mark

PUPILS across the Vale have made their mark on the sports scene this summer.

On June 6, a total of 10 schools battled to make it through to the QuadKids final held at Jenner Park stadium.

QuadKids is a nationally-recognised athletics concept supported by Welsh and England Athletics. Its aim is to urge children to participate in and enjoy the core disciplines in athletics.

Students from Evenlode, Llancafren, Victoria and Fairfield school will now compete for the number one spot at the annual sport competition, in Cardiff later this month.

Each school will present two teams of girls and boys and pupils will take part in several activities including the

75m sprint and the Vortex Howler Throw.

The festival was organised by the Vale of Glamorgan sports team in partnership with Welsh Athletics.

This year's annual girls' football festival attracted 200 students to the three day challenge.

Girls in years 3 - year from eight different schools headed to Jenner Park stadium on June 20.

In partnership with Barry Town Utd Ladies FC, the festival was organised by the Vale sports team.

The schools who attended were St Baruc, Gladstone, Barry Island, Romilly and Dinas Powys, Sully, Evenlode and Llancafren.

For more information on sports around the Vale of Glamorgan, visit valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/enjoying/Sports-and-Play/Sports-and-Play.

Barry Chess Club news

AFTER competing in the South Wales International for seven days and 10 gruelling rounds of play, Nigel Ralphs, Lee Davis and Sam Jukes of the Barry Chess Club can now take a well earned rest.

The top three seeds in the competition filled the top three places with two Bulgarians and an English player, all with 'master' recognition to their names.

Nigel proved yet again what a difficult player to beat he is. He earned three wins and five draws with only two defeats. His defeats were against two grandmasters - Marion Petrov, who finished second overall, and Keith Arkell in a very close game. The 5.5 points meant Nigel finished slightly below his seeding in 19th place on tie break.

Overall, he lost five ratings points, mainly as a result of drawing with Brian Gosling.

Sam Jukes finished with five points earning four wins, four defeats and two draws. His draws were against Bill

Hewitt and in the final round, Lee Davis.

Sam exceeded, as he finished in 26th place - some 10 places above his seeding. At the end of the tournament, his ratings remained unchanged.

Lee Davis managed three wins, three draws and four defeats to end with 4.5 points in 28th place just below his seeding.

Although he lost seven ratings points, he managed the best result of any of the players by earning a draw with IM Jack Rudd, who has a rating of 2,310.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards interested in playing competitive chess or just occasional friendly games. New players are welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website, the club can arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details, visit <http://barrychessclub.yol.asite.com>.

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Llantwit Major youth rugby team is handed £750 windfall

A THRIVING youth rugby team in the Vale has received a £750 donation from a housebuilder.

Llantwit Major RFC Youth Team (LMRFC) offers training and matches for young men between the ages of 16 and 19, and has recently been awarded the donation from Persimmon Homes' 'Healthy Communities' campaign.

As spokesperson for LMRFC said that it would use the donation to purchase new equipment such as tackle bags, balls, cones and replacement kit. Alan Holloway, of the club, said: "We are thrilled to receive this funding from Persimmon."

"Running a busy club like ours is very expensive. Donations like this are crucial to our existence. It's fantastic to see a successful local company giving back to the community."

A host of regional prizes of £750 are up for grabs each month for the rest of 2017, with amateur sports teams and individuals aged 21 years and under across south Wales eligible to apply for the Persimmon Homes East Wales awards. The money is to be spent on sports kit, equipment, coaching or facilities.

A shortlist of 30 will then be created for a national final to be decided on a public vote, with the winning club or individual receiving £200,000 to create a long-lasting legacy and two runners-up receiving £50,000 each.

The new fund is in addition to the £720,000 the company already donates through its Community Champions scheme each year.

To find out more, or to enter the Healthy Communities competition, visit www.persimmonhomes.com/charity. AS

Rhoose Lifeguards selected for Wales

R H O O S E Lifeguards are celebrating the success of six of their members being chosen to represent Wales.

The competition this year will be a Wales v Devon v Cornwall and will be held on Portreath Beach on Sunday, July 23.

Our members that are in the team of youth and seniors are Jack Giddings, Kelsa

Peterson, Ellie Peterson, Brooke Peterson, Jason Grice and Millie Wiggins.

These athletes train extremely hard through the winter months so they are in peak condition and ready to compete and patrol our beach during the summer months.

We are also very proud to have more members involved within the management team.

We have Lee Perry, team manager, Simon Perry, who organises the trials, and also Karen and Gareth Harris, who are heading up the senior

team. As a club, we feel great pride in what we can give to Surf Lifesaving Wales and will be proud to represent our country on Sunday.

We would like to thank all the coaches that train our members, as without these coaches and helpers, our members would not be able to make such great heights.

Finally, we would like to wish all our members competing and managing, the very best of luck in this competition. VW

Two wins for Murch bowlers

ON a busy weekend Murch Bowling club took on two home games.

On Saturday, July 15, Murch played Cyfartha Castle from Merthyr.

There were wins for Cyfartha on the rinks skipped by G.Howells and M.Jones, however, I.Williams from Murch and A.Moore from Cyfartha skipped their rinks to an exciting draw on the last end.

R.Mauchline skipped his rink to an annihilation of their opponents to secure a game victory for the Murch.

As usual despite the weather the games were played in a competitive but amiable atmosphere.

On the second day of the weekend Murch

bowling club hosted St Peters bowling club, and the Murch bowlers were in splendid form.

There were wins for the rinks skipped by R.Mauchline, I.Williams and club captain Mark Hughes.

However, St. Peters skip D. Norman guided his rink to a narrow victory.

As normal the games were played in a friendly but competitive manner. Two victories in two days was a splendid achievement and everyone should be congratulated.

If you want to play for the Murch bowling club please contact us on 02920 513396 - you are assured of a warm welcome. TP

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club results

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for July 17 are as follows:

First, Marjorie Morris and Linda Pinnock, 62.5 per cent; second, Kevin Maddox and Mike Best, 59.60 per cent; third, Andrea Waite and June Williams, 59.49 per cent. LE

Plenty of action at the Wenvoe Castle Golf Club!



Whiteflower Cup, mixed.



Whiteflower Cup winners.



Men's senior open winner.

Brooke (and Monty) shine again!

BROOKE LEWIS and her horse Monty have been out and about again!

After doing so well with their BSJA, Brooke decided to move onto something totally different, the working hunter class.

They had never even watched one of these classes before and Brooke had a little prep talk with Amy her teacher at AJT Equestrian, then went onto compete on Saturday, July 15 in the working hunter class at Trecastell Farm Show.

I was blown away with how Brooke and Monty rode; this perfect pair are growing stronger and stronger every time. They came away with two first places, a second place and a reserve champion.

Brooke was totally surprised with where she had been placed, as there were some very experienced older riders in her classes and she only took part "to give Monty a change".

Never in a million years did she think she was coming away with these placings for their first-ever working hunter classes; and theirs is an amazing achievement. HL



Sea View Lads monthly report

FISHING has been improving recently and many anglers have enjoyed excellent sport with smooth sounds staying close inshore.

A small shark, the hound is an obliging fighting fish that often weighs over 10lb and sometimes double that - all are returned to return another day.

Swimmers need not worry - these sharks are not interested in people, preferring crabs and molluscs!

The doubles competition is being fiercely contested with

Steve Doble and Paul Crook leading Aida Harris and Kevin Sala by just 10lb overall!

Shore fishing is benefiting from the plentiful rays and hounds and Steve Davis recently landed a fine double figure hound to take the snowball pool.

A competition in the Plymouth region saw some excellent catches including bream - a rarity in these waters and overseas anglers continue to add to the expotic species members' have landed.

This is an excellent time to wet a line - get the rods out, and tight lines! JC

THE men and ladies at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club have plenty of opportunity to compete in their own competitions, and there is always a great social atmosphere when they join together to play in the mixed foursomes.

On Sunday, there was an exceptional number of entries in the Whiteflower Cup, and excellent scores in the Greensome Foursome format ensured a very close result.

In fact, it was the very last pair, of club president Colin Champ and his wife Sandra, who clinched the trophy with an impressive 41 points.

Waiting in the clubhouse for some time, were the runners-up, Martyn Rhys and Leslie Arnold, whose excellent 39 points led until the very last moment.

Club captain Dr Dai Dayananda thanked all the couples who had entered for their great support, and endorsed the players' comments that the condition of the

course continues to be presented at the highest level.

He thanked the green staff for maintaining the course to a high standard, which is widely accepted as being one of the finest in the region.

Wenvoe Castle is very keen to encourage to family membership and welcomes potential new members to visit the club and view the excellent facilities and play on the superb golf course.

Those new to golf are particularly welcome and details can be obtained from the club Secretary Tel 02920 594371.

Seniors' Open, July 12: Category A (55-64-years-old, 52 entries): 1st H Hitchcock 42 Wenvoe, 2nd Gary Forster 41 Wenvoe, 3rd Brian Close 39 Wenvoe. Category B (65-69-years-old, 55 entries): 1st M J Lewis 40 Wenvoe, 2nd T C Champ 39 Wenvoe, 3rd Martyn Rhys 38 Wenvoe. Category C (70-years-old and over, 72 entries): 1st Jim Card 39 Wenvoe, 2nd Brian Green 38 Wenvoe, 3rd R Sinden 38 Carmarthen. BJ

Penllyn Bridge Club

THE latest results at Penllyn Bridge Club are as follows:

Thursday, June 1, 15 pairs: first, John Hunter and David Stephenson 67.9 per cent; second, Marian East and Barbara Easterbrook 59.47 per cent; third, Mansel Thomas and Mandy Meier 56.67 per cent.

Thursday, June 15, 21 pairs: first, Marian East and Barbara Easterbrook 59.09 per cent; second, John Hunter and Cath Domican 58.06 per cent; third, Mike Baron and Brian Tucker 56.94 per cent.

Thursday, June 29, Robert Brown Cup, 17 pairs: first, Sally Kennedy and David Stephenson 68.57 per cent; second, Brian Tucker and Wayne Stephens 67.86 per cent; third, Helen and Mike Ruttle 64.64 per cent. CN

Looking back to racing in 2003 with BRIAN LEE

THIS WEEK, The GEM's Brian Lee, who has been reporting on the Welsh horse racing scene for more than 50 years, takes another trip down memory lane.

'FIRST WIN FOR VALE RACEHORSE OWNER' was the heading in The GEM, dated August 7, 2003, and this is what I reported: 'Chocolate Soldier, a 25-1 outsider, ridden by Welsh jockey Christian Williams from Ogmore, made all the running to land the Stephen Billau & Sons National Hunt Flat race over two miles and one furlong at Sedgfield last week.

'The five-year-old, wearing blinkers for the first time, was a first-time winner for the Vale's Anthony Reid, a former point-to-point rider of note who will be associated with that good horse *Romany Park*, which he rode to victory in the 1970s.

'Chocolate Soldier, who won by 13 lengths from the odds-on favourite *Hirayna*, is trained by Llanrcarfan's Evan Williams, who said: "I bought the horse from Tom Tate for just 1,850 guineas at the Doncaster sales in May and what is particularly nice is that he's the first horse and winner for Anthony."

'Williams has held a trainer's licence for just a matter of weeks but he has already caught the attention of the racing world and we will surely be hearing a lot more from this former champion point-to-point rider in the future.'

Well, at least I was right on that occasion!

Evan wasn't the only one to get a write-up in The GEM that year as on November 20 I reported under the heading 'MARY'S FIRST WINNER' that: 'Mary Evans, mother of Llanrcarfan trainer Evan Williams, had her first win as a permit holder when *Lypharita's Risk* finished alone in a three horse novice chase at Ludlow last week. Mary, formerly from the Vale of Glamorgan but now based in Pembrokeshire with her second husband Bill Evans, is a former point-to-point rider who on one occasion in the 1970s became the first female to ride two winners at the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at St Hilary when winning the members' race on *Rory M* and the ladies' open on *Underhill*.

'The latter beat the mighty *Mandryka*, Wales' most famous prolific point-to-pointer.

'*Lypharita's Risk*, ridden by Jason Mogford, looked destined for third place; the two horses in front

both fell. Still, the fences are there to be jumped! Welsh amateur rider Sam Thomas, who won the Paddy Power Amateur Riders' Handicap Steeplechase at the Countryside Alliance meeting at Cheltenham last Friday on the Venetia Williams-trained *Isonlyme*, has turned professional. *Isonlyme*, owned by Gwent's Mel Davies, was the brilliant 19-year-old rider's 10th win under Rules.'

(Incidentally, Sam went on to ride a Cheltenham Gold Cup winner).

'Apparently, a film is to be made about the Tenby *Oyster Maid* scandal of 1927, following a book which was published last year about Tenby races and in which the sting is mentioned. The author Richard Lawrence has signed a contract for the film rights.

My story of the *Oyster Maid* affair appeared in print in a racing magazine in the 1990s and later in a newspaper, which was picked up by a television company who made a film for HTV who featured it in their *Scandal* series a few years ago.'

(Well, dear reader, I took part in that television programme and my version of the *Oyster Maid* affair appears in my book *Racing Rogues: The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales*, published by St David's Press, with a rare picture of *Oyster Maid*).

Another item referring to Evan Williams which appeared in The GEM that year read: 'Another winner for Evan Williams' *Cherry Gold* was a 13-2 winner for Llanrcarfan trainer Evan Williams at Market Rasen last Sunday, August 3.

'The former prolific point-to-pointer and hunter chaser landed the Mr and Mrs Benson's Novice Hurdle race by 12 lengths from *Schoodic Point*. *Cherry Gold* was ridden by Christian Williams, who almost made it a double on Mr Nemo, also trained by Williams, in the novice chase. Unfortunately Mr Nemo had every chance until ducking out at the last hurdle when challenging the eventual winner, *Joe Cullen*.

'Congratulations to Chepstow trainer Milton Bradley on training his first group winner *The Tatling*. Milton, who recently had a hip replacement operation, was at Goodwood to see *The Tatling* get home by a neck in an exciting finish.

A week earlier Milton won the £40,000 Hong Kong Jockey Club Sprint Showcase race at Ascot with *Silviani*; and just for good measure, he had the third horse *Corridor Creeper* in the race as well.

• You can e-mail your racing news or views to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone him on 02920736438.



Vice-captain's prize day at Brynhill GC

On July 11, Brynhill Golf Club ladies vice-captain Sam Pascoe hosted her prize day competition.

The weather forecast was torrential rain all day but, for the majority of players the rain stayed away.

However, for our final two competitors, Gemma Evans and Clare Downton, the forecast was correct and they were welcomed onto the 18th green with cheers from the waiting ladies.

Sam was delighted that so many competitors returned in the evening for her presentation; she thanked everyone for participating, thanked the bar staff and thanked the greens staff for the excellent condition of the course.

The winners of the day were: Silver division winner, Jan Robertson with 39 points; bronze division winner, Andrea Page with 37 points. Both ladies were presented with beautiful Swarovski rings.

The nearest the line competition on the seventh hole was won by Nicci Case who was so close to the line that somebody's ball would have had to be on the line to beat her.



Sam concluded the evening by inviting everyone to have some cheese, crackers and fruit while being entertained by Darren and Rich of the Scoundrels. LT

TripAdvisor hat trick for Cottrell Park

COTTRELL PARK Golf Resort, has announced that it has received a TripAdvisor 'Certificate of Excellence'.

Founded in 2010, the achievement celebrates hospitality businesses that have earned traveller reviews on TripAdvisor over the past year.

Gaynor Openshaw-Smith, sales director at Cottrell Park Golf

Resort, said: "We are delighted to receive a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence in 2017, now our third year running to be awarded this accolade that honours businesses that deliver consistently great service."

The Certificate of Excellence takes into account the quality, quantity and recency of reviews submitted by travellers on TripAdvisor over 12 months.

BARRY RFC NEWS

THE lottery numbers this week were 06, 10, 16 and 18 - no winners again so the jackpot rolls over to £5,525.

A reminder that the club will host

Treharris in a pre-season friendly on Saturday, August 5, kick off at 2.30pm, followed by a home fixture on August 12 against Lydney, again with 2.30 pm kick off.

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Bridgend's Aled is going for another gold in London

BRIDGEND'S Aled Davies won his third world title in the F42 discus in the World Para-Athletics Championships in London.

Davies, the London 2012 champion and world record holder, threw 51.54m to beat Tom Habscheid of Luxembourg and take the gold medal.

He said afterwards: "You've got to cherish these moments because you're not an athlete for ever."

"The team is so young - there's only a few of us originals as they call us from 2012 on the team. It's exciting to see some of the youngsters coming through."

"When I hang up my



Aled Davies has a second gold in his sights.

boots, I know there's going to be an exciting new youngster to come through and finish the job."

The 26-year-old can add gold in the shot put on Saturday; he is the defending Olympic and world champion.

Vale Badminton Club are looking to the future

THE Vale Badminton Club is one of the oldest clubs in the area having entered league teams for over 40 years.

Home venues have included RAF [now MoD] St Athan, Bridgend Police Club, Llantwit Major, Holm View, Cowbridge School and finally for many successful years at the Cowbridge Leisure Centre.

Players from all over south Wales have represented the club, some from as far afield as Swansea and even Pembroke.

Many have gone on to play at national/international level while many more have hung up their racquets and taken up more leisurely pursuits.

Following the successes of previous years, the season recently completed has been one of consolidation for the Vale Badminton Club.

Three teams were entered in the Cardiff South Wales League, one men's, one ladies' and one mixed team!

The men's team finished runners up in their division after some hard fought

matches.

Despite having suffered with short and longer term injuries to key players, the results confirmed that the reserves proved capable deputies.

The men's captain Chris Rowbottom and stalwart Glyn Morris showed their ability and determination as the team's backbone.

The ladies' team proved formidable in winning promotion from their division and now look forward to the challenges of the coming season in the higher division!

The mixed team had a mixed season! Nevertheless they ensured their position in the division for the coming season.

With the addition of some new members, the club aims to field an extra men's team in the season ahead.

The Vale Badminton Club play home matches at the welcoming Leisure Centre in Cowbridge on Tuesdays from 7.45pm-9.45pm.

New players are most welcome to attend in the coming months to prepare for the league season ahead.

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BUSY WEEK FOR THE MILLWOOD BOWLS CLUB

A very busy week of bowls ended with mixed fortunes for all Millwood teams this week.

Wednesday saw the Munro Cup side make the short journey to Cowbridge on a bright sunny evening ideal for a game.

After five ends the home side had built a solid lead of 22-14 shots; however slowly but shot by shot Millwood began to make inroads into the deficit and after 10 ends had turned this around

and now led 35- 32 shots.

With the rinks skipped by Peter Taylor, Brian Crockford and John Slee getting into their strides, this progress was maintained with Millwood winning 68-53, taking 12 points to Cowbridge's two. Commiserations to Gary Williams' rink who gave their all but had to concede on the evening.

A damp and drizzly Saturday saw the club side travel to Beddau for a Division 4 fixture.

After an even start Millwood trailed 11- 14 shots after five ends but slowly and surely the home side started to use their local knowledge and began steadily to build a solid lead on three of the rinks in play.

This was with the

honourable exception of Gary Williams and his rink who led from start to finish, thus avoiding a whitewash, the final score 67-43 to Beddau.

Meanwhile at Millwood, in not-so-quiet bad weather conditions, the A side played Ystrad Mynach A in a Division 7 match.

Despite the inclement weather, after five ends the visitor had a one shot lead, 15-14, and after 10 ends increased the advantage to nine shots, 37-28.

Nevertheless everybody continued to give their best but in the end we had to concede to a team who handled the conditions better than we did, running out comfortable winners, 69-58, taking 12 points to Millwood's two.

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'Definitive biography of a tormented genius' released

ALUN GIBBARD'S Into The Wind: The Life of Carwyn James (published by Y Lolfa at £14.99) must surely be recognised as the definitive biography of the genius that was this tormented soul.

The two sides of his short life are explored in this fascinating book which contains new information and previously unpublished photographs of Carwyn, who wore the red rugby shirt of his country and coached not only the Lions, but also his club, Llanelli, to victory against the All Blacks.

This 432-page book - which is excellent value for money - discusses the time he stood for general election, his contributions to radio and TV broadcasting and much, much more.

The author, who is a full-time writer from Llanelli, who still takes

part in radio and TV programmes, interviewed more than a hundred people from Carwyn's four areas of interest and expertise. It also meant that he had long discussions with members of Carwyn's family.

In the world of rugby, Carwyn refused to go along with traditional rugby thinking and played into the wind every time.

And, as the author says in his preface: 'This book answers many questions, contains new information and offers definite conclusions. But I'm sure it leaves many questions unanswered. This fact may well be a reflection on the book itself for some readers, but the real tragic relevance of such a statement is that the lack of answers was a living reality for Carwyn when he left this world at 53 years of age.'

A truly remarkable book.

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Fine day for captain Ray!



CAPTAIN'S day for The Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was staged last Thursday at a sunny St Athan Golf Club, where 35 members congregated to compete for excellent prizes provided by their captain Ray Thomas, whose late father Russell captained the society 23 years ago in 1994.

Also there to provide hospitality at the halfway point was the captain's wife, Lorraine Thomas, ably assisted by close friend Mrs Jayne Evans.

After a very enjoyable afternoon of golf played on a course which again was in excellent condition it seemed fitting that Brian Lakin, a long-standing family friend of the captain, was declared the winner when returning 37 stableford points.

Runner-up with 36 points was

David Williams followed by Tony McCarthy with 35 points.

Gwyn Thomas finished in fourth place with 34 points, one point ahead of Bryan Owen.

Nearest the pin on the par-3 holes were Bryan Owen, Keith Gibson, Hugh Williams and also Brian Lakin, who completed a very successful afternoon by also collecting the longest drive prize.

Tony McCarthy correctly guessed 27 balls would fail to make the journey home to collect a bottle of whiskey that raised £75 for Velindre cancer care unit.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 27, at St Mellons Golf Club, when members will be participating in the annual pair's competition kindly sponsored by the Maesglas Veterinary Group.

TMCC



Centurions face Penarth in friendly

AFTER Sully Centurions' first and second XI league matches against Machen were called off due to a bereavement at Machen, a hastily arranged friendly was played against a joint Penarth third and fourth XI team at Burnham Avenue.

On a drizzly afternoon, Centurions batted first and were soon in trouble with the loss of some early wickets.

With Sully at 33 for 3 Penarth had the upper hand, but a fourth wicket stand of 40 between Josh Bryan and Mike Oatridge steadied the ship, with Oatridge scoring an unbeaten 50 (his first for the club).

The middle and lower

order also put some impetus into the batting, with Jake Griffith hitting 42 not out and the Centurions innings closed on 219 for 7.

The visitors' innings got off to a disastrous start, with Tarv Dhanjal taking two wickets in the first over.

But a third wicket partnership of 68 between Van Dyke and Grossfils steadied the ship for Penarth. Grossfils went on to hit 55, reaching his half century with a six.

However, with Centurions using 10 bowlers, the wickets began to fall and the required run rate started to climb.

In the end the final score of 162 for 7 was well short of the target.

Sully Centurions 219-7, Penarth 162-7.

MF

Barrivale Bridge Club results

BARRIVALE Bridge Club results for Tuesday, July 11:

The winners were: 1. Simon & Debbie Richards 66.67%, 2. Mike Close & Mick Green 57.29%, 3. Peter Millar & Mike Best 54.69%.

Also, the handicap first place winners were June Reeves and Linda Houston.

As always, new members are welcome at

LH

The Vale of Glamorgan Pool League round-up

The Vale of Glamorgan Pool League's new sponsor, Harry Asprou, was on hand to present singles champion Ceri Morris his silver cup.

This has been a great season for Ceri, winning the doubles with his partner John Farrugia and helping his team Billy United win the league.

In the final Ceri was to give in-form and county player Mark Ingram no opportunities to get any flow.

In the first frame Mark broke off, Ceri visited the table and cleared up. In frame two Ceri broke and cleared all in one visit, a feat he would also achieve in frame four.

By frame five it was all over for Mark in a cagey frame that could have gone either way. It was Ceri that would claim a deserved victory.

Last Sunday saw the much-anticipated game between Barry number one Chris Bardsley and county captain James Hill played at the Whitehill hotel.

Played in front of a packed and noisy crowd, the game would give the watching public what they had expected, with

neither player disappointing.

Both players made uncharacteristic mistakes, especially in frame six when Chris potted a great black, but the white hit the cushion and dropped into the middle pocket, giving James the frame.

In the end Chris managed to beat the plucky James 5-3, and Chris and Ceri will now represent the league at the Welsh championships in November held in Porthcawl - good luck to both.

The league's presentation night was held last Saturday at the King William IV pub, hosted by Dave and Jo who kindly provided the food and function room free of charge to the league, another kind gesture from them both.

The night would see the usual suspects - John Farrugia, Mark Ingram, winners of the scotch doubles - also collecting league winners trophies with Dan Roderick, Ian and Gary Robert, captain fantastic Anthony Mullins and the ever-smiling Martin Pring, with the Billy United team being laden with silverware.

Finnegans' Ian Doel, captain of the best supported team and by far the best fun in the

league, and Sean Kelly were rewarded with outstanding contribution to the league trophies.

Lawrence Klee and Ian Hill collected the cup for the Whitehill, which now takes pride of place above the bar. The biggest cheer of the evening was for the league's most improved player, and that went to Joel Ball.

First up to collect their break and dish trophy was Les Ashten followed by Ian Roberts, John Farrugia and the experienced Mike Dunn.

A great night was had by all; the raffle's main prize, the signed boxing gloves by Lee and Andrew Selby, was won by Jamie Cowell from the Three Horseshoes in Moulton. Thanks to all who sold and bought tickets.

The new league, sponsored by Asprou Barbers, Park Crescent, starts on Thursday, August 3. The league would like to thank sponsors Eze Drive, R&M Mobile Valeting and the King William IV for their generosity.

We are looking for players of all capabilities to join - please phone Anthony on 07568 444180 or text Joe on 07870 498738.

JB

Much-needed win for Athletic cricketers

ON Saturday Barry Athletic first XI travelled the short distance to Lysvane on a damp afternoon.

Captain Billy Usswald won the toss and decided to bat first and after the early loss of Saraiya, the rest of the batting applied themselves with some grace and sensibility as first Zeeshan and Ellis added 50 for the second wicket before Ellis was out for a fine 34 with 6 fours and 1 six.

Twenty-nine runs later Zeeshan was out for 33 which included 4 fours and 2 sixes; this brought Lee Morgan to join Nathan Baker and for the fourth time in six games they added a partnership of over 89, like last week the partnership was over 100 runs as they added 111 for the fourth wicket before Baker was out for 57.

This, along with a brisk 15 in nine balls from Lloyd Bruce that included 2 sixes, saw Barry rack up their highest total of the season, 236 for 7 in their 50 overs.

In reply Lysvane were soon in trouble as they lost Alcoat first ball caught behind by Baker off Anwar.

The first ball of the third over saw Curry brilliantly stumped down the leg side by Baker off Anwar also for 0.

Wickets fell at regular intervals as first Bruce and then Usswald got in on the act as they bowled 15 overs between them, taking 7 for 62 between them, with Usswald 4 for 15 and Bruce 3 for 47 as Lysvane were bowled out for 153, and a 83 run win and 20 much needed points.

Barry Athletic second XI entertained Blackwood on the Island in a game delayed until 3.30pm.

Blackwood batted first and reached 130 for 4 in their 20 overs with

Hurley 44 top scoring with young Wesley Baker taking 1 for 16 in his four overs.

In reply Barry reached 85 for 8 with Subramaniam (22) and Andy Ellis (17) the only scores of note, Shelton taking 3 for 20.

This week Barry Athletic first XI entertain Ponthir on the Island, with the second XI travelling to Ponthir.

On Sunday Barry Athletic second XI entertain Cardiff Gymkhana in a rearranged game - all games start at 12.30pm.

MR

BELLE Vue had their first Munro Cup win this season against Barry Millwood on July 5.

Two rinks lost and two won; all the rinks were a close-run thing.

Rink one won by one shot; 15-14, which was a real nail-biter. Lead was Dave Bradley, No. 2 was Richard Brant, No. 3 was Paul Paterson and skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink two went down by two shots, losing 10-12. It was nip and tuck all the way, with Millwood the victors.

Lead was captain Frank Keen, No. 2 was Dave Rappitt, No. 3 was John Allen and skip was Barry Bagwell.

Rink three lost in another close encounter 14-15. Lead was new

kid on the block Mike Owens, No. 2 was Dave Smith, No. 3 was John Whitfield and skip was Dave Miller.

Rink four had the best win of the match, turning the score around to win 21-12. Lead was Colin Scammell, No. 2 was Gordon Ford, No. 3 was Len Fowler and skip was Les Aubrey. Well done, lads, for the first win.

A big thank you to Barry Millwood for their hospitality.

Belle Vue followed up their two good wins by making three on the trot winning in their biggest score of the season 100-46.

All four rinks won in a 12-point victory.

Rink one was won by a big margin 24-9. Lead was Gerry Field, No. 2 was Paul Booth; No. 3 was Barrie Bagwell and

FK

Murch meet in-form Windsor

ON Wednesday, July 12, the Murch Bowling Club visited the Windsor Bowling club in Penarth.

The match was played on a beautiful evening and on a splendid green.

The Windsor team were in fine form and there were wins for the rinks skipped by R. Hudson, P. Gooding and K. McLeod.

However, Murch's

R. Mauchline held M. Woodcock's rink to a very creditable draw.

The match was, as usual, played in a competitive and friendly manner and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

If you are interested in joining the Murch Bowling Club please contact us on 02920 513396 where you will be assured of a warm welcome.

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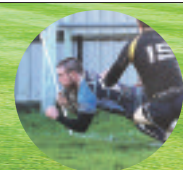
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Pirates of Penarth Windsor



PICTURED are Caribbean' fun day some of the intrepid last week.

bowlers of Penarth Windsor Bowling Club enjoying their 'Pirates of the

Unfortunately for the ladies, the serious bowling last week did not go as well as that successful event, losing

all three matches. It was a very one-sided game in dreadful conditions against Llantrisant in the double rink but the splendid company made up for it. In the evening league

at Murch, a 15-11 win for A. Hudson, A. Morrish, V. Flitney and M. Owen was dwarfed by a very heavy 36-7 defeat for C. Lewis, L. Thomas, C. Gunter and K. Dyer.

In the afternoon league the ladies suffered a heavy defeat on all three rinks but still enjoyed a lovely sunny afternoon with their friends from Penarth.

The men had a good start, easily winning their Munro Cup game against Murch by 50 shots - Williams, Latham, Thorne and Hudson 35-14; Hales, Morrish, Flitney and Mcleod 28-7; Lewis, Ellard, Palfrey and Gooding 24-16; Ellis, Fullbrook, Morgan and Woodcock 13-13.

Mention must be made of Edwin Thorne who, in addition to his bowling duties, found time to give typically loud vocal support to his young protégée David Hales on an adjoining rink.

The PG1 team had two matches this week, winning comfortably away at Pentrych and losing narrowly away at Sully Sports.

At Pentrych, there was a win by 34 shots, and the winning rinks were Evans, Palfrey, Hope and Woodcock; Matthews, Rees, Burton and Gunter and Lewis, Ellard, Gooding and Close.

The other rink of Flitney, Morrish, Thorne and Hudson went down to a heavy defeat and received little sympathy for their plea in mitigation that they had played on the only bad rink against the top Pentrych rink.

The rains came on Saturday for the short journey to Sully. The match went down to the final end of the last match which went to the

home side.

Wins in three of the four rinks was not enough for Windsor as the match was lost overall by four shots - Evans, Palfrey, Hope and Woodcock 19-17; Matthews, Rees, Gunter and Holmes 20-16; Flitney, Morrish, Thorne and Hudson 23-16; on the other rink, even the skills of self-styled "specialist" lead" Arkwright Morgan were lacking on the day and along with Ellard, Gooding and Close, they went down 32-16.

The PG2 team suffered their first defeat for several weeks, easing promotion fears, losing at home to Whitchurch Hospital by the narrow margin of three shots - Stafford, Ellis, Johnson and Howells 26-12; Trenchard, Dudley, Coleman and Lewis 21-22; Davies, Brenton, Daniel and Davies D. 19-28; Meredith, Mathias, Cuccinello and Woodcock 13-20.

Best wishes go to our opponents on the news they have been given a new 10-year lease to enable them to continue to play in the grounds of the former hospital.

Last week also saw the preliminary round of the Hugh Meddins Trophy.

The Windsor team swept to the finals, winning all their matches.

The players involved in the two triples were Flitney, Gunter, Close, Matthews, Rees and Hudson in matches against Sully, Barry Athletic, Dinas Powys and Sully Sports.

PM

Athletic bowlers triumphant in derby encounter

FOLLOWING their shock exit from the Carruthers Shield the previous week, Barry Athletic were keen to get back to winning ways and next up were local rivals Dinas Powys.

The selectors had made a few changes to the side during the week restoring David Wright to skip and the changes proved successful as the Barry side cruised to a 50 shot victory by 106 shots to 56, taking all 14 points on offer in the process and propelling themselves up the league table.

David Wright's rink, up against former Athletic player Dean Rees carved out a solid win by seven shots despite being 14-6 down after the early exchanges, winning nine of the following 10 ends and silencing the boisterous Dinas rink.

Glyn Thomas' rink was never in trouble against former Welsh international Mike Prosser, sweeping quickly to a 22-4 lead after a run of seven winning ends.

With captain Dan Jones and Rhodri Phillips leading exceptionally well at the front, and Martin Clarke and Glyn adding the finesse at the back end, the Barry four completely dominated the game to return a 31-11 scorecard.

However it was left to Richard Bowen's rink to seal top rink honours by inflicting an even heavier defeat on the rink of county skip Alex Meddins, who had former Welsh team manager Alun Hodges playing at third.

Quickly building up a 12-0 lead after just seven ends, the Barry rink with Russell Harris playing with skill and execution that belies his inexperience, and Barry stalwart Geoff Whittaker adding shots at will powered through the game allowing their visitors to claim only five of the 21 ends and eventually returning a 29-7 scorecard.

The final two points fell to Robert Horgan's rink who were involved in a tight encounter with Dinas captain Clive Todd.

The outlook looked bleak for Robert's rink as they faced a five shot deficit with just two ends remaining, but the experience of the former international bowler came through as he masterminded a comeback by scoring a four and a two on the final end to take the final two points and ensure that the visitors left the 4Wood green with nothing to show for their efforts.

This was an important win for the Athletic who were missing a number of players as they looked to get their league campaign back on track.

The selectors will be pleased with the changes that were made and the way that the team responded across all rinks in this important fixture against their local rivals.

The Barry Athletic PG2 side were also in action against promotion rivals St Fagans and were successful in continuing their impressive winning

run taking 12 points off their opponents by winning the game with three winning rinks and a two shot margin.

However it could have been a different story as the game entered its final stages; with the scores level and one end to play Albert Mintern's rink faced the challenge of securing the win for the Athletic and they did not disappoint, picking up a vital two shots to secure another win for the high-flying Athletic.

Elsewhere, the foundation for the win was built by Mike Vaughan's rink and the points machine that is Dave Snelling's rink who picked up his eighth straight rink victory in a run that has underpinned the Athletic's rise up the table.

Mike Vaughan's rink with Andy Cooper supporting well at third took the spoils with a narrow two shot victory, 18-16.

But it was Dave Snelling, with Gary Jones, Clive Phillips and Derek Coombs making telling contributions that inflicted the major damage on the home team, building up a big lead before finishing with a winning 28-15 scorecard.

Those rink wins were important too, as Vale county president Johnny Jones, deputising as skip for missing team captain Paul Webley, slipped to a 19 shot defeat against the opposition.

However it all ended well for the Athletic following Albert Mintern's last end victory and sees the Athletic comfortably clear at the top of the league table and looking for promotion back to the top division at the first attempt.

The selectors will have been pleased to record two victories on what on paper looked like two challenging matches but 24 points from the 26 on offer will be a pleasing reward for some fine individual performances.

Earlier in the week the Barry Athletic development side also continued their winning ways in the Munro Cup by inflicting a heavy defeat of 42 shots on Penarth Belle Vue.

All four skips returned winning cards with Richard Bowen's rink of Russ Harris and John Cauldwell dominating up front and supported by club captain Dan Jones taking top rink with a 25 shot winning margin 37-12.

Barry's victory also included winning scorecards from the other rinks skipped by Dave Wright, Geoff Whittaker and Mike Vaughan.

This win keeps Barry Athletic firmly in place for honours at the end of the season, and ensures that less experienced bowlers are having the opportunity to develop their skills and experience in match situations.

RB

Munro Cup success for Cadoxton bowlers

ONCE more Cadoxton had success in the Munro Cup when they hosted this match against Sully Sports.

The visitors could not master the pace of the heavy green, coming from their own very fast surface. The result was an overwhelming success on all for rinks.

The pride of place was taken by the rink skipped by Howard Craven against Charlie Coomber who struggled with little help from his players.

While the home team were outstanding with a special mention for Will Craven in the unaccustomed position of third for the first time.

The score was made up with numerous counts, three '3's, two '4's, two '5's and a maximum '8' on the penultimate end.

Another rink, skipped by Derek Jefferies, also had an outstanding success, with John Papoutsou continuing his recent good form.

They scored 17 shots before a single on the seventh end stopped the run. However they continued until the end of the game conceding only five more shots whilst adding a further 13.

Kelvin Chedzoy found his opposition, skipped by Alan Collard, more of a threat. The score was tied on the sixth and eighth end, but four winning ends put them 13-6 ahead.

They were stuck on this score, while the advantage was whittled away, until the game was level again on the 17th end.

They trailed by three shots, on the last when an outrageous 'wick' from Mike Curtis hit the jack into the open, and shots were added by Gordon and Kelvin for their rinks success.

Phil Ellis made his debut as skip against previous Cadoxton player, Nunky Brown. They had a fairly close start, but a '5' on the 10th end opened

up a gap for the home side, which was the difference at the end.

Scores: J Papoutsou, I Heppenstall, J Davies, D Jeffries 30-6 M Morgan, J Harries, L Adams, K Romans; E Heppenstall, M Curtis, G Davies, K Chedzoy 16-13 P Robbins, R Giddings, G Trickett, A Collard; J Stacey, D Evans, I Robertson, P Ellis 16-11 P Holland, T Smith, G Currie, G Brown; G Solomon, S Clarke, W Craven, H Craven 42-8 B Knight, B Bucking, J Kirk, C Coomber. Final score 104-38.

CADOXTON V ST PETERS - MLS Cadoxton took the trip to Roath Park hoping for a win against St Peters and at the halfway stage they were well in line for it, with all rinks winning.

The rinks skipped by Kelvin Chedzoy and Don Kuhnell had healthy advantages of 20-8 and 18-4, while Howard Craven and Roy Harding also had the benefit of 12-7 and 8-6 respectively.

Explicitly the next six ends brought a collapse with just two successful ends from 24, across the board.

As a result the advantage was reduced to just four shots. The end of the game came with two rinks finished leaving the two remaining rinks a deficit of nine shots.

On the last end Kelvin did his bit with a '5' on his rink. However, safety went out of the window, in an attempt to get the shots needed; as a result four shots were dropped on Don's rink, for a disappointing defeat.

Scores: E Heppenstall, J Papoutsou, G Davies, K Chedzoy 33-21; J Stacey, I Heppenstall I Robertson, D Kuhnell 24-21; G Solomon, A Prince, P Ellis, H Craven 14-27; W Craven, D Hammond, D Jeffries, R Harding 11-21. Final score: 82-90.

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